

# Libyans gain most from federation

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL—Jerusalem

The Federation of Arab Republics, born yesterday (Thursday) after referendums in Egypt, Libya and Syria on Wednesday whose outcome was a foregone conclusion unites Egypt with two countries firmly opposed to Security Council Resolution 242, the basis of UN peace-seeking efforts in the Middle East.

It also places in a new position of strength Libya's President,



Will they always be so close? President Sadat, President Assad and President Gaddafi after agreeing to the federation

Muammar Gaddafi, the wild man of the Middle East, who is a firm supporter of terrorism and a bitter opponent of peace with Israel on any terms.

Gaddafi, the principal promoter of the federation idea, gains most from it in the eyes of Israeli experts.

Over-endowed with oil income but operating from a population base of fewer than 2 million and with an army of Lilliputian proportions, he has been searching desperately for a platform from which he can project himself as the new leader—after Nasser—of a united Arab world.

The federation, in which he becomes an equal partner with a powerful Egypt and a potentially strong Syria, gives him that platform. So, too, does Sadat's failure to assert his claim to paramount leadership of the Arab world.

And Gaddafi also gets an important fringe benefit—a guarantee by Egypt, written into the constitution, to come to his aid against external or internal subversion.

The constitution of the federation as broadcast by Damascus radio, also provides for one national anthem, one emblem, one flag and one capital, to be fixed by law.

In addition it lays down that the supreme executive authority of the federation will be a presidential council consisting of the Presidents of Egypt (Anwar Sadat), Libya (Muammar Gaddafi) and Syria (Hafez Assad), of

whom one will be elected chairman for a two-year term.

Article 13 of the constitution says that the federation will exercise "the following jurisdictions": "Prepare the bases of the foreign policy" of the member States; "questions of peace and war"; "establish a military command responsible for training and operations"; "move troops between the republics during operations".

Other articles deal with economic, legislative, political, citizenship and other matters.

In preparation for the formal creation of the federation, Egypt has abandoned her previous official title of "United Arab Republic," a relic of the short-lived union with Syria, which lasted only from 1958 to 1961. In future, Egypt's official name will be the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A strike at Egypt's Helwan steel plant nearly two weeks ago, which was disclosed by President Sadat on Sunday is seen in Israel as one more sign of the current unrest in Egypt.

A struggle is going on there at the moment, with supporters of the late President Nasser trying to hold on to their positions, while Sadat is making forceful efforts to put his own followers into positions of power.

The Helwan strike is also regarded here as a further indication of the opposition inside Egypt to the Federation of Arab Republics.

## Americans disappoint

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Although the Israelis have already written off the expected Security Council meeting on Jerusalem—predicting a harsh resolution carried by a combination of Arab, Communist and Catholic forces—there is a marked sense of disappointment that the United States failed to dissuade the Jordanians from pressing for the meeting.

Such is the suspicion of American motives in the wake of last week's "even-handed" denunciation of Mr. Moshe Dayan's remarks about the West Bank that the belief is current in some Foreign Ministry circles that Washington did not try too hard to dissuade the Jordanians because it feels that a little international pressure on the Israelis will do no harm.

Mr. Dayan said recently that Israel should regard her role in the occupied territories "as that of the established Government to plan and implement whatever can be done without leaving options open for the day of peace which may be attained."

In other words, the emphasis should be put on our taking

unilateral and immediate measures, without relying on co-operation from our neighbours or waiting until they are ready for it.

Israel's argument is that at a time of "delicate moves" towards the reopening of the Suez Canal, such a debate—in which the Egyptians are expected to participate and to widen to include the situation in all the occupied territories—can only result in "spoiling the atmosphere" and making the chances of viable exchange between the two sides even more difficult.

The Israelis will counter Jordanian claims about the "Judaization" of Jerusalem with a critical picture of the elite of the eastern half of the city when it was under Jordanian control.

## Red Cross criticises Egypt

From our Correspondent Geneva

Mr Jean-Pierre Maunoir, the assistant director-general of the International Committee of the Red Cross, announced over the Israel Army radio that the ICRC had not received any complaints of ill-treatment of Arab prisoners-of-war.

He also said that ICRC representatives in Damascus were only allowed by the Syrians to meet Israeli prisoners-of-war in an office and not privately in their cells, as specified by the Geneva conventions. One of the wounded Israeli prisoners held by Egypt should have been released, Mr Maunoir said and he urged Cairo to pay more respect to the appropriate conventions.

There was little chance of an early prisoner exchange between Israel and Egypt because of Cairo's refusal on the grounds that "certain residents of occupied territories" had been expelled and houses demolished.

## USA publisher accused

From our Correspondent New York

Mr Meyer Lansky, allegedly a former member of the American underworld who now lives in Israel, has become the centre of controversy between an American publisher and B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League.

The League has accused G. P. Putnam's Sons of antisemitic advertising in publicising a new book, "Lansky," by Hank Messick, and has complained to the Federal Trade Commission.

Mr Arnold Forster, the League's general counsel, said that an advertisement which appeared in the June 24 issue of The New York Times contained the headline: "Jews control crime in the United States."

Mr J. Walter Minton, of G. P. Putnam's Sons, stated: "There are crooked Jews in America. If you read the book you will learn something about them."

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## Israeli hotel rates remain pegged

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Israel's hotel rates have been pegged at their pre-devaluation levels for overseas visitors until the end of October. When rates come into operation on November 1, they will be 10 per cent less than the winter rates quoted in dollars which were slashed before devaluation.

On March 1, 1972, when the winter rates end, the pre-devaluation dollar rates already published will come into force and remain unaltered until February 20, 1973.

The Israeli Government has announced that it will consider applications from hoteliers for increases in the pre-devaluation rates in Israeli pounds to meet increased costs.

The Housing Ministry has frozen the cost of new flats following devaluation. Building contractors have been warned not to increase prices.

Restaurant owners who have raised their meal prices have been ordered to reduce them to the pre-devaluation level.

On the food front, Mr Pinhas Sapir, the Israeli Finance Minister, has bowed to strong pressure from his party, the Labour Party, and the Histadrut (Labour Federation) and agreed to a lowering of some prices allowed to rise in the wake of devaluation.

He announced on Monday night that the prices of certain basic foodstuffs would be reduced to their pre-devaluation level, while the increase in the prices of others would be cut.

The cost of bread and small-size eggs will revert to their pre-de-

valuation level. The prices of edible oil, milk and large eggs will be between 30 and 50 per cent lower.

Mr Sapir's national budget taken a hard knock as a result of the manner in which devaluation. Mr Akiva Goshen, chairman of the Labour Mapam economic affairs committee, resigned his post in the sources said was angering Sapir's failure to coordinate post-devaluation policies.

Histadrut leaders made complaints about Mr Goshen's "high-handedness" and Mr Moshe Dayan, Minister of Defence, objected that they were not consulted.

The price rises in commodities which have been added from other sources total amount applied to grants to low-income families to enable them to meet the increased cost of living.

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## Raphael denial

From our Correspondent Amsterdam

"A fascinating fabrication" was the comment by Mr Gideon Raphael, the director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, when asked at a press conference here if he met Russian officials in Leningrad last week during a visit to Sweden.

There were rumours in Sweden that he had travelled to Leningrad in Finland, when he did not appear at a Scandinavian B'nai B'rith convention, owing to another commitment with Swedish Government officials.

## Kahane calls to arms

From our Correspondent

Rabbi Meir Kahane, of the Jewish Defense League, urged some 1,500 Brooklyn Jews at a meeting on Tuesday to protect the Flatbush area within two weeks.

He said that the Flatbush area was being infiltrated by the law or he would be arrested with prison sentences necessary. If the workers did not heed their leaders in the Histadrut (Labour Federation), they must be "made to suffer."

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## Israel is hit by a wave of strikes

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Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, broke her holiday on Tuesday to give Labour Party leaders a warning that an extremely serious situation would develop in the country if wild-cat strikes like that of the civil aviation workers at Lydda were to continue. Given the country's precarious situation there was, she said, an element of "hoiiganism" in the strikes.

Meir declared: "Radical elements of the kind we have been experiencing has brought fascism to many countries... The situation is deteriorating into a rebellion, not by the Arabs but by our own people."

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One victim of Monday night's shut-down at Lydda was the Deputy Premier, Mr Yigal Allon, who was due in Scandinavia on an official visit. He was flown by military aircraft to Athens, where he joined a scheduled flight to Sweden.

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Israeli girl soldiers during their six-week general training course at a military camp "somewhere near Tel Aviv." Unless exempted on religious or other grounds Israeli girls are called up at the age of 18 for 20 months' national service

## Gen. Barlev 'visiting Ethiopia'

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

No comment has been available here on an Egyptian report that Lieutenant-General Haim Barlev, the Israeli Chief of Staff, is visiting Ethiopia.

The report, in the influential Cairo daily, Al-Ahram, recalled last June's rocket attack by Arab terrorists on the Coral Sea, an Israeli-bound oil tanker, when she was passing through the Bab el-Mandeb Straits between South Yemen and Ethiopia at the entrance to the Red Sea.

It said that the attack had spurred Israel to try and lease an island near the straits from Ethiopia.

According to other foreign reports, military ties between Israel and Ethiopia through training and assistance schemes are close. Senior Ethiopian officers have visited Israel in the past.

## Cairo's 3,000 missiles

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Egypt now has 3,000 individual anti-aircraft missiles mounted on her various SAM-type launchers or in reserve, according to well-informed sources here.

The Egyptian Army is manning all the SAM-2 and most of the SAM-3 sites, with those closest to the Suez Canal under general Russian supervision.

## Race theory refuted

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The Jewish minority in this country has risen more rapidly on the economic and social ladder than any other.

But their rapid advancement is, according to Dr Ernest Krausz, senior lecturer in sociology at London's City University, due not to any inherent racial superiority but rather to a long tradition of literacy and adaptation to urban life.

In his book, "Ethnic Minorities in Britain," published this week by MacGibbon & Kee, Dr Krausz, who has a number of sociological studies on English Jewry to his credit, refutes the theories of inherent racial superiority advanced recently by, among others, Lord Snow and Professor H. J. Eysenck.

In fact, he denies that Jews are a distinct race.

Analysing the causes of their achievement Dr Krausz puts first the Jewish cultural environment in which their children grow up—their "wider stimulating experience" in the home and youth organisations and their being educated in two cultures, the Hebrew and the west European.

The other main factor, Dr Krausz believes, is the early experience of urban life to which Jews have had to adapt themselves by force of circumstance.

He adduces the experience of recent Oriental Jewish immigrants to show that colour in itself is no insuperable obstacle to adaptation and progress. This minority, as the Kenya Asian to a lesser degree, had made its way in Britain in a relatively short space of time.

## Soviet legal 'norm'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A London woman's offer to pay the fine of a convicted Soviet Jew has been turned down by the Russian Embassy on the ground that it was "a universally accepted legal norm that punishment for any crime must be borne by the person who committed the act."

In a letter to the Soviet Ambassador, Mrs J. E. Spiro, of Maida Vale, offered to pay the 400 roubles fine imposed on Mr Alexander Gorbach, a partially blind Jew in Kharkov, who had been found guilty of "economic crimes."

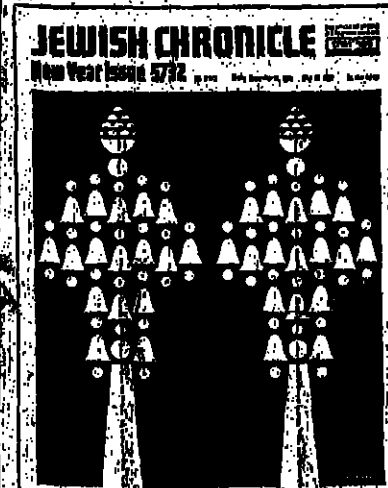
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## Celebrating with Persia

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Israel plans to hold simultaneous celebrations with those taking place in Iran to mark the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian Empire. Events will include the dedication of a new district of Rishon le-Zion for Persian Jews, which will be named after the Persian Emperor Cyrus, who allowed the Jews exiled in Babylon to return to Palestine under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah. One of its streets is to be named in honour of the present Shah.

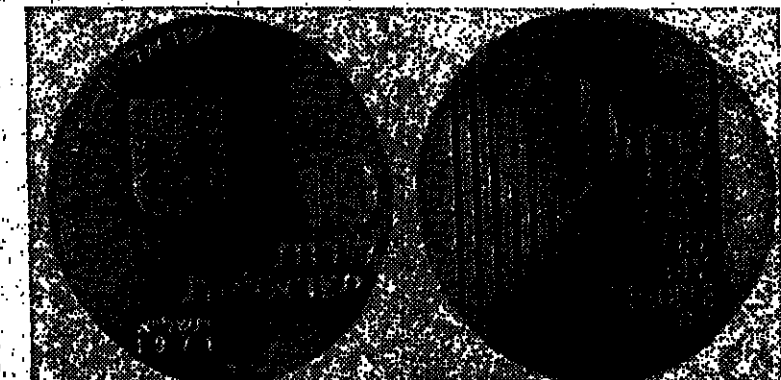
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## KGB preparing more show trials

From our East Europe Correspondent



A K10 silver coin minted by Israel to mark the struggle by Soviet Jews

A new series of anti-Zionist show trials is being prepared by the KGB—the Soviet security police—according to information reaching the West.

There are two signs that such show trials are being prepared as a means of cowing Soviet Jewry. The first is the non-stop KGB interrogation of Mr Boris Asanov, a Jewish Soviet agent, during the Soviet purge of the 1930s.

Mr Asanov is alleged to give evidence against the defendants in the first "falsification" trial in Leningrad in December 1970.

The second disquieting indication that show trials are in the process of preparation is

tences passed on three out of four young Kishinev Jews who refused to give evidence against the defendants in the trial in the city last May.

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## ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

## London jet carried explosives parcel

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

There were 20 lb. of plastic explosives aboard an El Al aircraft which flew from London to Lydda last week. There was a 10 lb. charge attached to batteries in each of two suitcases. Had they blown up, as intended, the aircraft and all its passengers would have been destroyed in the air.

The suitcases were taken on to the airliner by a Peruvian seamstress, aged 20. She had previously travelled round America and Europe with a man who said he was an Israeli Arab engineer and had agreed to marry him.

In London he asked her to precede him to Israel and prepare his family for their forthcoming marriage. He also made the suitcases ready for her.

In the words of a police spokesman at a press conference in Tel Aviv on Monday, "the suitcases were opened before the explosions took place."

On a second El Al aircraft, this one flying from Rome to Lydda last week, was another suitcase containing explosives. The suitcase had a false bottom, inside which were two packets of explosives

weighing less than a pound, a 25-yard-long fuse and batteries.

This, too, was to have exploded in mid-air, but, again, the case was opened before a tragedy occurred. It had been brought aboard the aircraft by a 20-year-old Dutch girl student at the request of a man she had met in Belgrade.

He told her he was an Arab from Bethlehem and asked her if she would take a suitcase of clothes to his family. They would pay her \$250 (about £100) to cover her air fare, he told the girl. He advised her to travel by El Al Jumbo Jet because it was "more comfortable."

Both girls were allowed to go free after helping the police with their inquiries. The police spokesman said they were believed to be innocent.

What has not been revealed is speculation that Israel now has a means of detecting and defusing explosives while her aircraft are in the air.

There is some concern about the relaxation of security measures at airports abroad.



An Israeli police officer displays one of the suitcases containing explosives which was taken aboard an El Al airliner by a girl passenger last week

## Embassies may be bombed

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israeli targets abroad, including embassies and consulates and their personnel, may well become the focus of future Arab terrorist operations in the view of informed sources here.

Thanks to preventive operations by Israeli security forces—and those of some of her neighbours—terrorism from across the borders is almost nil.

Inside the occupied territories and Israel proper there have been a number of minor incidents, including the discovery of a grenade in a café in Jerusalem's main thoroughfare, Ben-Yehuda Street, on Sunday. However, terrorist bands are kept constantly on the run and have been unable to mount any spectacular operation since the Katyusha rocket attack on Petach Tikva early in the summer.

Thus, in the view of these sources, the terrorists can act freely only outside the immediate area of Israel.

They are known to have sent people to Europe specifically for terrorist actions and also have the assistance of local Arab residents.

One of the measures taken by Israel to secure her northern border with Lebanon, which has in the

past been the scene of the terrorist crossings and shelling, has been the building of a patrol road adjacent to the main highway all the way from the Mediterranean coast to the region of the so-called "Fatahland" in south-east Lebanon.

This has enabled the highway to be kept open to civilian traffic at all hours of the day and night. In "Fatahland" there are between 2,000 and 3,000 terrorists living in villages and camps.

Last week's Israeli police action across the border into this territory was intended to drive them back from front-line bases, some of which were within walking distance of the Israeli lines.

## City found in Negev

Jerusalem

A complete Canaanite city, built some 4,500 years ago, has been unearthed at Arad in the Negev Desert about ten miles west of the Dead Sea.

With houses, streets and a temple courtyard, it is the best preserved city dating from the Canaanite occupation of Israel yet excavated. Mrs Ruth Amiran, who is in charge of the expedition, told correspondents last week.

The excavations were sponsored by the Israel Museum, the Hebrew University and Negev University in Beersheba.

A unique find was a well-preserved ritual basin used for religious purposes, the only one of its kind so far discovered in Israel. It is 3 feet deep, with a diameter of 4 feet 6 inches and its walls are covered with carved stone blocks from the Hebron region. —(Reuters)

## Paris threat over Mirages

From our Correspondent—Paris

Details have now leaked out of a high-level exchange of views between France and Israel some weeks ago at which France put forward three conditions for a possible normalisation of relations between the two countries.

Unimpeachable sources here have disclosed that France demanded that Israel put a halt to public criticism of France; that she should show understanding of France's policy towards Libya; and that she should agree to early negotiations about repayment by France of the money paid to Paris for the 50 Mirage jets still embargoed by the French Government.

Israel's reply to these demands could well be given soon when the Israeli Ambassador to France, Mr Asher Ben-Natan, returns to his post from his annual holiday in Israel.

The sources who gave details of the discussions said that France informed Israel that she would never deliver the Mirages—embargoed by the late General de Gaulle in 1967, although already paid for by the Israelis—to Israel.

Now it was stated, was France prepared to keep the Mirages indefinitely in their present state of immobility. This is seen as a hint that France is prepared to dispose of them to another customer.

## Four African Presidents for Israel

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Jerusalem officials have welcomed the decision of four African Presidents to visit the Middle East to study the situation for themselves rather than in a distant capital and to support anti-Israel resolutions. The initiative is seen as a reversal of the Arabs.

At the same time, Israel is making it clear that she is not interested in further outside mediation. She would be happy if the Presidents' visit could lead to some kind of meeting between Israelis and Arabs.

The four Presidents have appointed a sub-committee of the Commission of ten African States charged by the Organisation of African States (OAS) to find ways of settling the Middle East dispute.

They are President Mobutu Sese Seko (Kinshasa); President Gowon of Nigeria; President Achebe of Cameroon; and President Senghor of Senegal.

While Israel has ambassadors in all four African countries, only one, Congo (Kinshasa) has an embassy here.

One of the Presidents is a Moslem and the others are Christians, although the countries are mainly Moslem.

## Orthodox girls in row

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

The Jerusalem Rabbinical Council has given the Social Welfare Minister, Mr Michael Hazani, a month to appear before it to show cause why he should not appoint an inter-ministerial committee to draw up suggestions for calling up religious girls to national service.

The court order was issued at the request of Rabbi Itzhak Rosenfeld, who opposes the idea of religious girls performing any kind of national service.

Mr Hazani said on Monday that he would appear before the rabbinical court and explain his willingness to serve on the inter-ministerial committee.

However, he added, he first wanted to discuss the competence of the court with the Minister in Religious Affairs, Dr Ze'ev Warhaftig.

The committee itself, which held its first meeting on Sunday, is already divided over whether national service should be compulsory or voluntary.

Mr Hazani thinks voluntary service will bring forward as many girls as the nation needs for work in hospitals, among underprivileged children and so on. But the Health Minister, Mr Victor Shapir, who said he had an immediate need for 3,000 girls in the hospital alone, wants compulsory service so that he can plan for their employment on a firm basis.

## Israel's 'Black Jews' demand work

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Leaders of the so-called "Black Jews" who have settled in the Negev development towns of Dimona and Arad demanded work permits and housing for their unemployed and homeless colleagues at a press conference on Mount Zion last week.

The first of the "Black Jews" came here from the United States more than two years ago. Of the others who have arrived since a number originate from Liberia. Mr Ben-Ami Carter, their leader, told correspondents that his members were not "Jews," but "Israelites," the descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes.

He then claimed that there were some 24 million "Israelites" among the Negroes in America and many more who were not aware of their ancestry.

Unless the Government met the demands of the "Israelites" now in Israel, numbering, he said, nearly 1,000, they would go into the streets and spread "spiritual violence."

Mr Carter also said that the "Israelites" had no religion but they kept the festivals and the Sabbath and ate only permitted foods. "After all," he added, "Liberal Jews eat pork and they are considered Jews."

The Black Israelites who are protesting against their treatment by the Israeli authorities represent one of several Negro groups in the United States identifying themselves with Judaism both religiously and culturally. They are considered Jews.

The Black Israelites practise a Baptist interpretation of Judaism at their religious services, but they

are regarded sincere in their wish to be part of Jewish life, according to several Chicago Jewish leaders who worked with them when they lived in the USA.

Rabbi Robert Marx, the former director of the Chicago region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Liberal), told our correspondent that on one occasion Mr Carter and some of his members sought his help to open a kosher butcher's shop in the Negro district of southern Chicago.

When the Black Israelites left for Liberia Rabbi Marx helped them to buy clothing and footwear.

Mrs Ellen Levit said that the ark in the Black Israelites' sanctuary in a basement, was built of cardboard and contained a paper Torah of the type given to children. Their service was a "combination of Orthodox prayers and Jesus."

She sympathised with their situation, saying: "As Jews they were rejected by their own people. American Jews were uncomfortable with them as Blacks." In Liberia they were unhappy because they were urban dwellers and now they face new problems in Israel.

Some Negro Jews in America consider themselves descendants of the Ethiopian Falashas. Others have converted to Judaism as an alternative to the Black Islam faith.

At most there are about 10,000 Black Jews in the USA. The Black Israelites had 80 small roving groups in Chicago and their total membership was estimated at a few thousand, not the 24 million claimed by Mr Carter.

## Nahalal is 50

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defence Minister, attended the 50th anniversary celebrations of Nahalal, Israel's first moshav or smallholders' settlement, last week. It was there that he spent most of his boyhood and one of his sons lives there today.

Many of the other famous sons of the moshav attended the celebrations.

A total of 17 per cent of the 466 farmers are members of the founding generation. But the population of 1,175 is no longer solely employed on the settlement's 4,250 acres.

Among them are 171 public workers; another 441 are at the Wizo agricultural school; and 107 are students at the training college for teachers and nursery school teachers.

The settlement marketed nearly £1 million worth of produce last year, including eggs, prepared turkey meat, milk and fruit.

## Shazar 'palace'

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

President Shazar, who has denied suggestions that he intended to resign, is preparing to move into a new Presidential residence, a large bungalow-style villa in Jabotinsky Street in Jerusalem.

There has been outspoken criticism both because of its style—termed by one architect "a Californian version of Buckingham Palace, railings and all"—and its cost.

The original estimate was £200,000. The final cost will be more than £500,000. A number of newspapers have questioned whether such a residence was necessary or fitting at a time when Israel is burdened with economic, defence and poverty problems.

The present residence is a modest and rather charming house in the heart of the residential district of Rehavia. This will be opened as a museum and monument in memory of the late President Itzhak Ben-Zvi.

## South Africa lifts ban

From our Correspondent—Johannesburg

South African Jewish leaders have welcomed the resumption of normal relations between South Africa and Israel following the announcement by Dr N. Diederichs, the Finance Minister, on Saturday that the Government had lifted the ban on the transfer of Jewish United Appeal funds to Israel.

Dr Diederichs said that the South African Government was now satisfied that Israel's contribution to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) was intended for terrorists. South Africa suspended the transfer to Israel of funds collected by South African Jewish for the Jewish United Appeal in

## More delays on Chief Rabbinate

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Prime Minister, who is now on holiday, has let it be known through the Government press office that she wants the Knesset Interior Committee to take up the Bill for Chief Rabbinate elections during the summer recess, so that they can be held soon.

However, Mr Mordechai Sukkiss, the committee's chairman, is in no hurry to press ahead with discussion of the Bill, and he cannot see it coming up in his committee for several weeks.

He has made little secret of the fact that he is purposely delaying the Bill because of religious opposition to his own favoured measure for electing Israel's mayors by direct vote instead of on party lists.

The National Religious Party is fearful that it will lose a number of prestigious offices if mayors are directly elected.

It seems likely that arrangements for Chief Rabbinate elections will not be completed before the current extension to their term of office expires on January 31, 1972, and it is almost a certainty that the two aged Chief Rabbis—Rabbi I. J. Unterman (Ashkenazi) and Rabbi Itzhak Nissim (Sephardi)—will be given yet another extended term of office, which will take them well into 1972.

## British firm opens plant

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Ingram and Glass, a non-Jewish industrial finishing company, of Godalming, Surrey, is partnering two Israeli industrialists in a plant which opened in Yavne on Wednesday. The ceremony was attended by Mr Pinhas Sapir, the Israeli Finance Minister, and Mr John Barnes, the British Ambassador.

The British parent company has a 59.3 per cent share in Ingram and Glass (Israel) Ltd., which will complement existing science-based industries by providing high precision industrial finishing for civilian and military products, which no Israeli factory can supply at present.

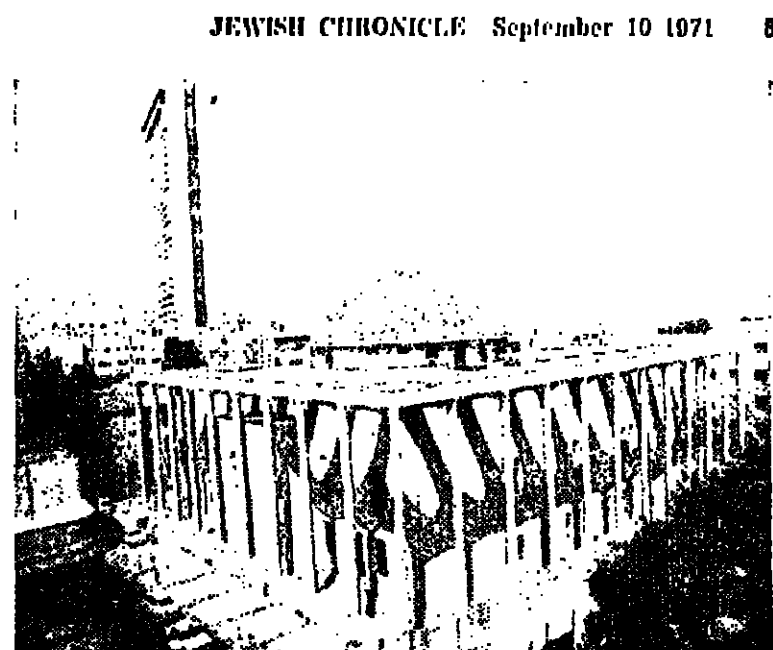
Situated near Israel Aircraft Industries' central plant, the factory has been built by the Israeli Government to the specifications of the British parent company, which will rent it for three years with an option to buy later.

Some £100,000 has been invested in the equipment and initial running costs of the new factory, where 20 engineers and technicians are employed.

## Lansky denial

Tel Aviv

Mr Meyer Lansky, a 60-year-old key figure in American gambling circles now living in Israel as a tourist, denied in an Israeli television interview last week that he was a gangster. —(Reuters)



Tel Aviv's Central Synagogue in Allenby Road as it looks after months of renovation and redecoration. The synagogue authorities have also installed additional seating, increasing the number of worshippers who can be accommodated by several hundred.

## Thousand Gentile settlers

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Nearly 1,000 non-Jews arrived in Israel last year as immigrants or potential immigrants. The total of 907 is the highest since 1957 when 1,410 non-Jews came to Israel with the intention of settling.

Just as the 1957 figures is believed to reflect the number of mixed marriages among Hungarian Jews who came here after the uprising, so the total for last year is seen as an indication of the mixed marriages among Soviet immigrants. It is possible that this year's total of non-Jewish settlers will be even higher.

Last year's non-Jewish arrivals consisted of 610 females and 297 males. More than a quarter, 250, were aged 14 or under and were

almost equally divided between boys and girls.

Last year's total immigration, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, amounted to 37,900, of whom 22,400 arrived with the status of immigrant and 15,500 were potential immigrants.

About 25 per cent of the immigrants were born in the United States, 37 per cent in Asia or Africa, and 38 per cent in Europe. Many did not come directly to Israel from their continent of birth. For example, 22 per cent of all immigrants who came here from the American continent were born in Europe and 20 per cent of the total immigrants whose place of residence was Europe were born in Asia and Africa.

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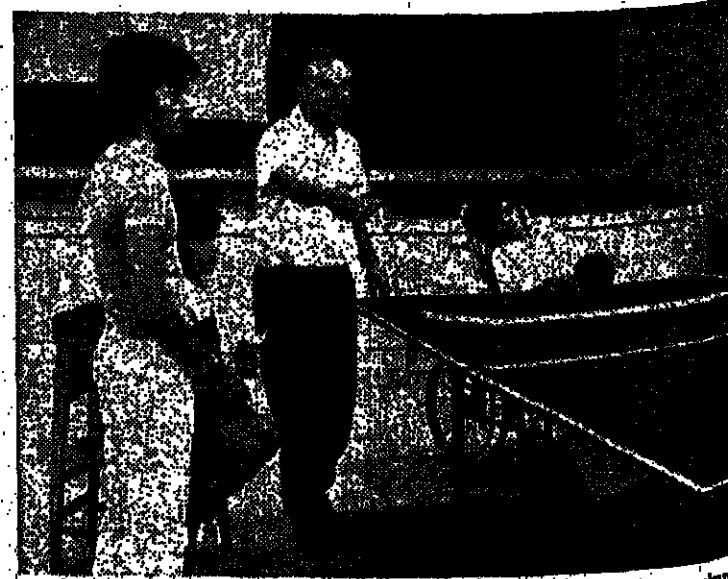
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Israeli lauds German  
Anti-Nazi centre

Mr Yacov Shimon Shapiro, Israel's Minister of Justice (right), with the West German President, Gustav Heinemann (centre), and the West German Minister of Justice, Gerhard Jahn, in Bonn. Mr Shapiro was on a week's visit to West Germany.

Appreciation of the work of the Central Agency for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes in Ludwigsburg since its foundation 13 years ago was expressed by Mr Yacov Shimon Shapiro, the Israeli Minister of Justice, during his visit there last week.

Mr Shapiro was welcomed by Dr Rudolf Schuster, Baden-Wuerttemberg's Minister of Justice, who pointed out that the Agency was facing increasing problems in its attempts to compile documentary evidence of Nazi crimes.

He expressed satisfaction that the authorities and private organisations in Israel had readily supported the West German legal

authorities in prosecuting criminals from the beginning.

Later, Mr Shapiro, who spent a week in West Germany, placed wreaths at the Jewish memorial Dachau. He was accompanied by the site of the former Nazi concentration camp near Munich.

Dr Philipp Held, the Bavarian Minister of Justice, said that the representatives were due to meet Mr Michael Kinchin-Smith, controller of state administration.

Earlier, Mr Shapiro was received by President Gustav Heinemann.

Mr Shapiro, and met Mr Gerhard Jahn, the Federal Minister of Justice.

From our Correspondent

## Turks tighten security

The Turkish security services have intensified the precautions being taken to safeguard Israeli diplomats after the kidnapping and murder last May of the Consul-General, Mr Ephraim Elrom.

There is a heavy police guard on the Israeli Legation in Ankara and the Consulate-General here, and the Turkish military police are guarding the homes of all Israeli diplomats.

Mr Elrom's successor has now taken up his post. He is Mr Baruch Gilo, formerly deputy director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry's Middle East department. Mr Gilo was First Secretary at the Ankara Legation in the 1950s.

Another new arrival is Mr Shaul Bar-Haim, who has taken over as Israeli Chargé d'Affaires at the Legation in succession to Mr Daniel Laor, who has been appointed Ambassador to Uganda.

Mr Bar-Haim was formerly Israeli Ambassador to Cyprus.

Meanwhile, the trial of Elrom's alleged kidnappers, who started last month, is continuing in a military court here. The prosecutor has demanded sentences for 13 of the 27 defendants, most of whom are Marxist revolutionary students. Among those for whom the death penalty has been demanded is Mr Cayan, a leading member of the so-called "Turkish People's Liberation Army," who is charged with killing the Israeli diplomat.

He has denied the charges, saying the court had another member of the organisation, an Air Force captain called Ilyas Aydin, who has disappeared, killed Mr Elrom. The prosecutor has also asked for the death sentences on five of the six young women among the defendants.

From our Correspondent

## Greek alleges prejudice

From our Correspondent Athens

An unpleasant antisemitic atmosphere has been created among the numerous supporters of the Premier, Mr George Papadopoulos, and his Army-backed Government by reports of a statement in America by Professor Distoumis, chairman of the Justice for Greece Committee.

The reports coincided with a visit to Greece by Senator Clifford Hackett, a member of the USA Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee, to investigate the current situation here.

Professor Distoumis, a Greek-American, denounced Mr Hackett as "the employee of the American Jew and member of the House of Representatives." Rosenthal, well known for his prejudice against Greeks.

## Chuetas try to come back

From our Correspondent Palma, Major

Many Chuetas, Majorcan Catholics who claim descent from secret Jews of the fifteenth century, attended the first public meeting in Palma of a Jewish community in the island for more than 500 years.

They were among more than 200 people who attended the meeting to welcome the recognition of the community by the Spanish Government and they asked to join the Jewish community.

The meeting elected a committee to establish a community centre with Mr Alec Kesselman, the community's president, as chairman.

## HOME NEWS

Union fights BBC  
man's demotion

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr Fergus MacKenzie, author of the offensive Spectator essay on Israel and the Jewish attitude to the Arabs, has been demoted from chief sub-editor of BBC Radio news and current affairs programmes to senior sub-editor, entailing a £500 drop in salary. The demotion is being contested by the National Union of Journalists, of which Mr MacKenzie is a member.

These developments in the controversial affair which began in July came to light following last week's disclosure in the Jewish Chronicle that Mr MacKenzie's superiors in the BBC regarded his conduct as a breach of staff regulations, since he had not submitted his essay for approval before publication and had not sought their permission to mention his connection with the BBC.

A letter from the BBC, written by Mr Desmond Taylor (editor of news and current affairs programmes) and quoted in the "JC," also stated that Mr MacKenzie was "now aware that he was wrong to do what he did."

The NUJ has taken up Mr MacKenzie's appeal to the BBC against the severity of the punishment. I have been from inquiries to NUJ headquarters that the union is acting at the request of its Broadcasting House chapel (branch) and that its representatives were due to meet Mr Michael Kinchin-Smith, controller of state administration.

The union's assistant general secretary, Mr Eric Blott, told me that while it conceded Mr MacKenzie had failed to follow established procedure, the appeal was based on the contention that the punishment seemed out of all proportion to the offence.

Asked whether union intervention implied in any way that the NUJ supported the views expressed by Mr MacKenzie in his controversial essay, Mr Blott replied that the union's action had

nothing to do with the content of the article. "We are not expressing any opinion on the content of what Mr MacKenzie wrote," he said.

The Sunday Times, however, gave a somewhat different interpretation of the action of Mr MacKenzie's journalist colleagues. Its gossip columnist stated that some of them "feel that a much more serious issue is involved [than merely a too-severe punishment]. Outside pressure groups now appear to be establishing the right to influence the activities of known broadcasters even though such activities are not part of their official duties."

The paper also stated that several prominent Jewish communal personalities had complained to the BBC director-general. It did not mention the criticism expressed at the Board of Deputies and in this paper following Mr MacKenzie's essay in the Spectator.

This was focused on his stated connection with the BBC and also took account of his previously published article in the corporation's own journal, the Listener, which attacked "the powerful Jewish pressure groups with influence in politics, finance, the press, publishing and the world of entertainment."

Mr MacKenzie's Spectator article was described at the time by Dr S. Levenberg, chairman of the Board of Deputies' Erets Israel committee, as "naïve, filthy and bordering on antisemitism."



Warm welcome for Rabbi Goren from Lord Janner (centre) and Mr Michael Sachar

## £500,000 call by Goren

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

After a stirring call by the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, a representative gathering of Anglo-Jews on Tuesday accepted the £500,000 target set by the Jewish Appeal for its Kofur drive.

On the platform with Mr Michael Sachar, chairman of the JPA, and Mr Cyril Stein, chairman of the Jewish Appeal, were the Chief Rabbi and the Haham as well as representatives of the Reform and Liberal movements. The hall of Michael's London headquarters was packed with ministers and lay leaders of the Reform and Liberal movements, of all religious shades.

Mr Goren, former chief chaplain of the Israel Defence Forces, said the assembly that while the appeal was providing their own

money — and blood — to ensure the military security of the Jewish State, the Jewish people outside had to assist them in the ingathering of the exiles, especially those now coming from the Soviet Union, and in improving the lot of the deprived and underprivileged in Israel.

"There could be no greater disaster for Israel or Jewry if, for lack of money, the gates of Zion were to be closed to new immigrants," he declared.

The official launching of the appeal is being followed by canvassing in every locality and discussions with local congregations to ensure that every worshipper contributes and that the level of donations exceeds by one-third last year's total of £370,000.



As Mrs. June Jacobs sits out her 24-hour hunger strike outside the gates of the Soviet Embassy, passers-by pause to look at the placards telling of the fate of Silvia Zalmanson

## Hot-water bottle for Mrs Jacobs

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

An "invasion" of Intourist, the Russian travel agency, and a 24-hour hunger strike outside the Soviet Embassy were highlights this week of London protests against the maltreatment of Mrs Silvia Zalmanson, who is serving a ten-year sentence in a Soviet labour camp.

Mrs Zalmanson, one of the defendants in the Leningrad "hijacking" trial last December, was pregnant then, but has since lost her baby. Her food ration has been halved as she is unable to make her daily quota of gloves and she is allegedly being experimented on with drugs, as a result becoming partially deaf and blind and losing her memory.

The hunger strike, on Monday, was staged by Mrs June Jacobs, chairman of the 70,000-strong Association of Jewish Women's Organisations. Relatives, friends and well-wishers visited her throughout the evening and many passers-by stopped to talk to her.

On Tuesday at 5 a.m. Mrs Jacobs had a long argument with a Left-wing playwright. Earlier, several

times during the night, Jewish taxi-drivers stopped to keep her company. One of them brought her the first editions of the morning papers.

Mrs Jacobs's brother, Mr Ian Culler, spent the night near the Embassy in his car, while the association's former chairman, Mrs Eva Mitchell, brought her a hot-water bottle at dawn.

A demonstrator and a press photographer were manhandled by Russians during the "invasion" of the Intourist office on Thursday of last week. More than 20 members of Herut, the Right-wing Zionist Party, occupied the office, padlocked the front doors and plastered the window with photographs of Mrs Zalmanson and posters demanding her release.

The Jewish demonstrator was manhandled after he refused to hand over the key to the entrance. After 20 minutes police entered the office through an emergency door and evicted the demonstrators. No arrests were made.

Jewish women handed a protest letter to members of a delegation of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club before they boarded their Moscow-bound aircraft at Heathrow Airport last Friday. They asked the delegates to intervene on behalf of Mrs Zalmanson.

A Jewish group was planning to distribute protest leaflets at the Royal Albert Hall last night (Thursday) during the first of six concerts by the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra. A spokesman for the group said that it was doing this despite opposition from the Board of Deputies.

The Board's intervention followed an approach to them by Mr Victor Hochhauser, the Jewish impresario, who is managing the orchestra's British tour for the BBC. Mr Hochhauser claimed that 75 per cent of the musicians in the orchestra, including its leader and its soloists, were Jews.

The Emergency Committee for Soviet Jewry has asked Mr Norman Bronstein, a Jewish car dealer, to refrain from exhibiting Soviet cars at next month's London Motor Show.

## Liberals will force debate

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Both the pro-Israel and the pro-Arab factions of the Liberal Party are determined to see that the party's relationship with the Young Liberals is discussed at the annual assembly to be held in Scarborough next week.

The agenda gives no indication that the unpublished report and recommendations of a special commission on the subject, handed to Mr Jeremy Thorpe the party leader, in May, will be put to debate.

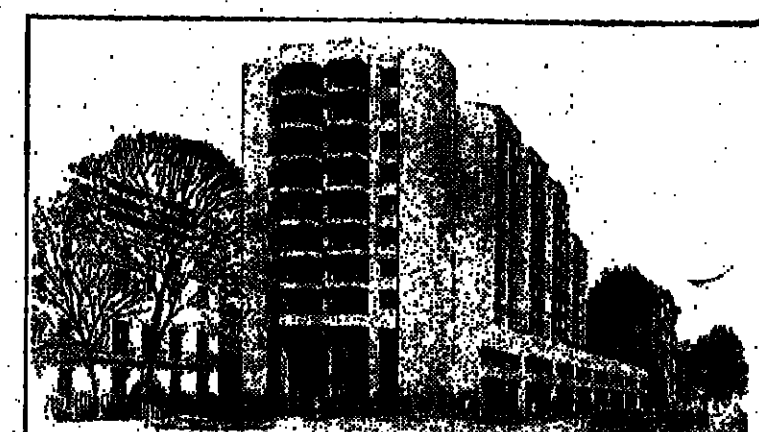
Circles close to Mr Thorpe stated this week that it was "extremely unlikely" that such debate could be avoided.

In an article published this week in Free Palestine, the Young Liberals' chairman, Mr Peter Hain, can denounce the party's Middle East policy as "shockingly illiberal and reactionary." Party officials have found this statement in alarming contradiction to his earlier declaration that the Young Liberals intended to debate the Middle East policy with the senior party on a "constructive and rational level."

Young Liberals believe that Mr Thorpe "will continue to sit" on the commission's report under pressure from the party's Right-wing "who think that the report will 'fix' the Young Liberals."

Pro-Israelis intend to raise the question of the party's relationship with the Young Liberals either in the assembly's private session on organisational matters or in a meeting outside the assembly when party officials will answer delegates on strategy and administration.

The Liberal Friends of Israel and the Liberals for Palestine will both hold meetings in Scarborough during the assembly.

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## Au pair girls are up in arms

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A number of au pair girls who belong to a Catholic church club in Southgate are alleging that they have been badly treated by the Jewish families with whom they live.

Information to this effect has been given to the Trades Advisory Council by a Jewish member of the British Vigilance Association who stated that the details had come from a Catholic priest, Dom Phaid M. Meylink, of the Priory of Christ the King, Southgate, who is a member of the association's executive committee.

The TAC is taking up the matter with Father Meylink, who told the Jewish Chronicle that the au pair club was situated near his church. He was concerned about the allegations since he did not want the girls to become anti-semitic.

He had issued a questionnaire

to the girls asking them about their hours of work, conditions, time off and other aspects of their life in British homes and some of the replies had indicated that all was not well.

Father Meylink said that he had been told by some of the girls that they lived in Jewish homes and some people had made anti-semitic remarks.

Asked how he knew that the complaints referred to Jewish homes, he said that the majority of the homes in the area in which au pair girls live were Jewish, but added that this was a general problem and not one limited to Jews.

Some of the complaints against Jewish families alleged that the girls had to work too long, received insufficient food and did not have enough time off to study English.

## Board preaches to converted

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The natural gas conversion programme for Golders Green, due to have started on Monday, September 20—the first day of Rosh Hashana—has been postponed for two days following consultations between North Thames Gas Board and the Chief Rabbi's Office.

A gas board spokesman stated this week that the board wanted to avoid work being carried out over the New Year "in an area containing a high proportion of practising Jews."

It was also proposed to postpone conversion work due to begin on September 29, Yom Kippur, to the following day.

The spokesman added: "We consider it unlikely that similar action will be required in future."

Individual customers in other areas who may experience difficulties on these dates have been assured that "every effort will be made to reduce inconvenience to a minimum."



Mr and Mrs Elie Wiesel (centre) in conversation with Mr Josef Rosner (right) and Mr Chaim Raphael

## Belsen award for two fighters

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

This year's Remembrance Award of the World Federation of the Bergen-Belsen Associations "for excellence and distinction in literature relating to the Holocaust and its legacy" was presented in London on Monday to an Israeli poet and a Soviet Jewish author.

Winners of the award, made annually by an international jury of Jewish intellectuals from Israel and the diaspora together with representatives of the Belsen federation, are the Israeli poet and fighter, Abba Kovner, and Nadezhda Mandelstam, the widow and biographer of the Russian Jewish writer, Osip Mandelstam, who was an early victim of the Stalinist terror.

Mr Kovner received the award for his prose and poetry which "revive a nightmare of events from which neither the author nor the reader could or should escape."

The citation also recalled that Mr Kovner had been a leader of the fighting organisation in the Vilna Ghetto, a partisan in the forest and commander of the heroic Givati Brigade during Israel's War of Independence.

Mrs Mandelstam's award was for her recent book, "Hope against Hope," which the jurors described as "an account of unceasing depth and truth of the life of Osip Mandelstam, one of the great poets of modern and Russian literature and of Jewish consciousness."

It was, they said, the most moving and uncompromising account of life under Stalinist terror and

## Bumper year for holiday camps

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

American Jewish summer camps may be the envy of the Jewish world, but Britain is not exactly lagging behind. This summer between 2,000 and 3,000 Jewish youngsters attended camps in all parts of Britain, ranging from energetic under-canvas schemes run by Zionist youth movements to somewhat less Spartan privately-run summer schools catering mainly for young visitors from abroad.

Most have an educational programme of one kind or another, but this does not seem to act as a deterrent, for numbers are generally growing.

One of the newest summer projects is that run by the London Board of Jewish Religious Education. The scheme is only in its second year and the Board looks on it as a vital part of its educational programme.

It took over a boarding school in a Kentish village and catered for more than 200 boys and girls aged between eight and 15, all pupils of the Board's Hebrew and religious classes.

The school was organised by Mr I. Brown, assistant education officer of the Board, and the supervisors were drawn mainly from its teaching staff.

Although the programme included a wide range of social and sporting activities, the emphasis of the school was on "living Judaism." Obviously the formula succeeded, for nearly half the children who attended this summer went last year.

Living Jewish history rather than living Judaism is the aim of the summer camps organised by the Zionist youth movements for their junior members. Both Habonim and Bnei Akiva adopted this method of amusing and instructing the youngest campers.

This year's themes included Messianism, King David and the Warsaw Ghetto, and the children

brought them to life by means of plays, songs, stories and pitched battles in the English countryside.

Habonim organised eight camps this year, two each in Israel, Newport Pagnell and Staffordshire and one each in Devon and the Lake District. Between them, they catered for nearly 600 youngsters aged nine and upwards, a number of whom came from isolated provincial Jewish communities.

For Bnei Akiva, which catered for some 450 youngsters between the ages of 10 and 18, this year saw several innovations as well as a large increase in numbers.

Instead of receiving a "set" study programme from Israel, as in the past, the movement provided its own material and camp leaders were entrusted with the task of arranging the programmes. There was also an experimental camp in Derbyshire, where the children organised instead of taking orders from their leaders.

There was thus a great deal more scope than usual for originality in this year's projects, which included small local camps in Scotland and Dublin as well as national camps in England, a tour of Israel and a Continental coach tour.

Whereas Habonim and Bnei Akiva camps are booming, the Federation of Zionist Youth has stopped holding its once-success-



Israeli dancing is a popular activity at many of the summer camps

ful British summer schools and this year organised trips to Israel. Orthodox youngsters from deeply religious homes are not forgotten when the summer holidays start. For some 500 of them the Aguda youth movements provided a "fun-packed, healthy, Torah holiday which a boy cannot find elsewhere in Britain."

In fact the girls were not forgotten either, though the Aguda camps are not co-educational. About 200 girls between the ages of nine and 16 attended camps in Dublin and Newbury run by the Bnos Agudas Israel and Beth Jacob movements.

None of the Aguda camps is under canvas; the movements hire schools. One held in the Lake District had a strong international flavour, with boys coming from the Continent, Israel and North and South America, as well as from this country.

For academically-minded youth from families whose religious observance is mainly "middle-of-the-road" there was the annual summer school of Jewish Youth Study Groups, now in its 20th year. This summer there were 200 applications for 161 places and the schools are turning into a family tradition.

Mr and Mrs Harold Levy, wardens and organisers who have themselves become something of a legend, have watched the children of former summer-schoolers grow up and come to summer lectures in their turn.

Ironically, the only summer camps which seem to be losing favour are those which once provided Jewish Youth with the only holidays they knew.

In the old slum and sweatshop days, Jewish children in the East End looked forward to the summer camps provided by the clubs of the Association for Jewish youth. Today, although camps are still being organised by the major clubs such as Brady and Oxford and St George's, numbers are gradually declining.

A tour of the Norfolk Broads organised this year by the North-West Jewish Clubs proved very popular and the AJY also sent 138 members on a trip to Israel. But the "camps proper" tended to grow smaller.

"It's mainly the younger ones who still go to camp," an AJY spokesman told me. "But the over-16s have more money to spend these days and they prefer to go to places like Mallorca."

## Hospital meals are 'totally uneatable'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The Hospital Kasher-Meals Service has admitted that the quality of its food "requires improvement."

This admission follows a complaint to the Jewish Chronicle by Mrs Lynda Stail, of Southgate, that the meals she received at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital were "totally uneatable." Luckily, she added, her husband was able to visit her twice a day and take in food for her.

"But what happens to those unfortunate patients who have few, if any, visitors? I feel particularly concerned for old people."

Mr R. M. Hirsch, secretary of the Service, agreed that the food needed improving but added that a large measure of responsibility for the poor quality rested with the hospitals, as some of them did not prepare the frozen meals according to instructions.

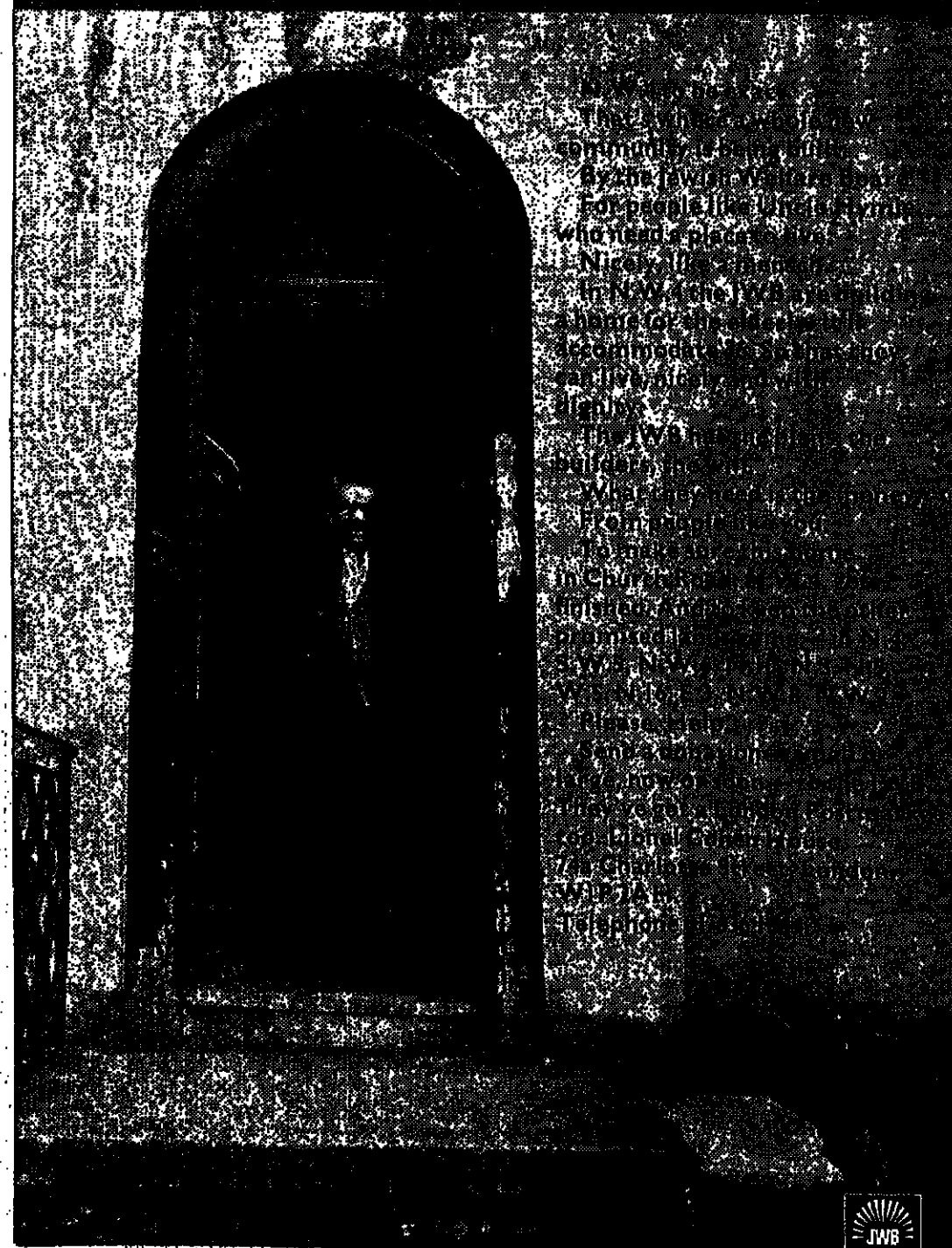
The Service, a voluntary organisation set up in 1968, provides kosher meals to 120 hospitals. Mr Hirsch said. In its present financial position it can spend only 60p on each meal.

"What can one get for that money?" Mr Hirsch asked, adding a plea to patients to bear with the Service until it could improve its supply with financial help from the community.

The Government provides an annual grant of £2,500 to hospital kosher-meals services in Britain, but the chairman of the London organisation, Mr M. M. Bamberger, claimed earlier this year that his Service alone operated with an annual deficit of up to £12,000.

The food is supervised by the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, which also provides £1,500 annually.

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## Librarian for Jerusalem

By a Correspondent

Mr E. W. Padwick, principal assistant librarian of the City of London Libraries at Giltet House, is to lecture at a summer school in public librarianship to be held in Jerusalem by the Israel National University Library this month.

During his tour, arranged by the British Council, he will visit public libraries in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheba, and will have consultations with the public library committee on the implementation of the Public Libraries Act and with the Centre for Public Libraries and the Jerusalem graduate library school on the syllabus of the certificate and postgraduate courses in librarianship.

## Three New Year broadcasts

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The Chief Rabbi is to broadcast on the New Year on Radio 4 on Thursday at 10.45 p.m.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Cohen will speak on Irish Television on Thursday at 8 p.m. and the Rev Dr I. K. Cosgrave will give a talk on BBC Scotland Radio 4 the same evening at 10.45.

## JWB to appeal next week

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The appeal by JWB to the rejection of its application to join the Association of British Travel Agents is to be heard on Tuesday.

JWB Travel is the common undertaking formed to assist Jewish Welfare Board. An spokesman said recently that application was rejected because the firm had "advised that the whole of its profits go to charity."

## Leave granted to Servicemen

The Ministries of Defence (Navy, Army and Air Force) have announced that Jewish officers and other ranks will be granted leave to observe the Holy-days and Sukkot from the exigencies of the Service.

It is stressed, however, that leave granted will be in the and not in addition to the normal periods of leave available to personnel.

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# When the Chief Rabbi does the shopping

By GERALD M. SMITH

The Chief Rabbi, Dr Immanuel Jakobovits, who returned recently with his family from a caravan holiday in the Scottish Highlands, has been invited to become patron of the all-Jewish Carmel Caravan Club.

The enthusiasm of the Chief Rabbi and his family for spending their holidays on wheels is indicated in an interview with Mrs Jakobovits.

It all began in 1965 when Dr. and Mrs Jakobovits and their children set off for a tour of America by caravan. Three years ago, in Britain, they decided to repeat the experience and this year they did it again.

But this summer the trip was slightly different, for they used a motorised vehicle rather than pulling a separate caravan behind their own car.

"This is one way in which my husband and I and our children can go off into the blue for three weeks completely leaving behind the strains of our everyday life in London and trying for a while to forget our communal cares," Mrs Jakobovits told me this week.

The Chief Rabbi does, however, strongly appreciate his great responsibilities and during our holiday he is in frequent touch with his office by telephone. But he cannot be reached by them," she added.

"Many people ask me how we manage with kashrut while on holiday. It is all quite simple.

"Before we leave I cook meat to last us for about three days. I get supplies of tinned kosher meat and tubes of kosher milk from Switzerland.

On Shabbat, since the caravan

was motorised, the engine compartment was sealed off. To facilitate the carrying of utensils the vehicle was fenced off with string or rope so that it stood, as it were, in its own enclosure.

Every morning, afternoon and evening the family said prayers together. "The prayers become even more telling to us when we see the majesty of the mountains and hills around us," Mrs Jakobovits said.

The Chief Rabbi considers that his greatest relaxation apart from studying is to drive. He revels in driving a somewhat cumbersome caravan up and down hills and along narrow, winding roads.

And putting his pipe, dressed in cap and sweater, he goes off daily into the nearest town or village to do whatever shopping is necessary. "That is his chore, apart from driving," said Mrs Jakobovits. "We all have our daily tasks."

The family is not keen on parking at night on organised camping sites. They like to find a field or farm for the purpose. "We always try to be near a house at night in case of emergency," said Mrs Jakobovits.

"Day after day in London we live a sophisticated life. This is one way we can get away from the tremendous pressures and live as a family — get to know one another better — and escape from the artificial life to the beauties of God's nature. We become ourselves again," she said.

But fate is not always kind. One day during their tour they went to Oban, where the Chief Rabbi left the caravan to telephone his office. In the next box was a Jewish man who, visibly shaken, exclaimed: "Can it be true—is it the Chief Rabbi...?" Apart from that, they were not recognised.



Some of the American airmen enjoying the "September Carnival" at Hillel House with members of the B'nai B'rith youth organisation

## US airmen say 'no' to B'nai B'rith

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Only six out of 75 American Jewish Ex-Servicemen invited to spend last week-end in London as guests of the B'nai B'rith youth organisation accepted the invitation. The six, all sergeants in the United States Air Force, are based mainly at Lakenheath in Suffolk.

The week-end was arranged following publicity over the number of Jewish Servicemen based in Britain who were marrying out or were disinterested in meeting members of the Jewish community here. Some had complained that Anglo-Jewish organisations were neglecting them.

The airmen arrived in London on Friday and stayed at an hotel. A

BEYO spokesman told me that it had been intended to accommodate them in private homes, but there had been a "mix-up" with USA officials at the base.

A "September Carnival" at the B'nai B'rith Hillel House was the climax of the entertainment. A discotheque, buffet and bar were provided at the party, attended by 100 BEYO members, including many girls eager to meet the airmen.

Most of the girls, however, were disappointed. Six were lucky and one of their escorts, a young sergeant, told me: "The other airmen didn't come as they have had little Jewish education at home and felt they would be made to look ignorant. They prefer to meet non-Jewish girls in the local villages near the bases."

The BEYO is planning to hold a conference at Hillel House on Sunday, November 14, to deal with the problem of the Servicemen. The secretary of the American Jewish Airmen's Council is now a liaison officer of the National B'nai B'rith young adults' committee.

## Rashi at Oxford conference

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

"Rashi, the great Jewish medieval commentator" was among the subjects discussed at the sixth international conference on patristic studies in Oxford, ending on Sunday.

More than 600 Bible scholars from all over the world attended the conference, designed to foster study of the Church Fathers.

The paper on Rashi was given by Dr Albert Rothchild. Another Jewish scholar, Dr Meir Gertner, Reader in Hebrew at London University, lectured on "The Ten Commandments in Psalm and Piyut (Jewish special liturgy)" and "Prophetic prayer: a religious paradox."

Among those also attending the conference was Dr C. Ward, director of the department for Christian affairs at the Israeli Ministry of Religious Affairs; Dr G. Vermes, Reader in Hebrew studies at Oxford; and the Ven. Carl Wilton-Davies, executive chairman of the Council of Christians and Jews.

The conference serves an ecumenical purpose, bringing together scholars within Christianity and beyond.

## Blind organist

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr John Walton, who was born blind, has been appointed principal organist at the St George's Synagogue, B'nai David, B'nai Jewish Settlement. He takes over from Lady Henriques after being assistant organist for 24 years and will play at the High Holy-day services.

## Home Office helpful to refugees

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

When 14 members of a Jewish family from an Arab country of the Middle East arrived at a London hotel they invited Mr Julius Fidler, MP, to share in their joy, for it was through his good offices as a member of the Board of Deputies, aliens committee that they had found their way to London, in domestic and safety.

Discussing his forthcoming annual report as the committee chairman, Mr Fidler added that such displays of appreciation were not universal among thousands of Jews whom his committee had helped to a new life in this country.

Although there is at present a rush of persecuted Jews coming to this country, a steady flow of 200 or so are dealt with by the committee by year. In 1970 they came from 18 countries, including two from behind the Iron Curtain and one from the Arab world.

In his 21 years as chairman the aliens committee Mr Fidler established close relations with officials at the Home Office. He is a "wonderful, particular" where Jews from countries of persecution are concerned.

Pleasant experience

Among his more pleasant experiences he recalls the coming of a Latin American official who placed persecuted children under his country's protection and obtained exit visas for them by certifying that their parents were compatriots of his.

Mr Fidler feels the time has come for him to make way for a younger man. He looks back on 24 years as secretary and executive director of the Federation of Synagogues from which he has been retired years—and hopes that his term of office at the Deputies will be his last.

But he feels the lack of able and willing to give the committed dedication the demands. And to gain the confidence he enjoys at the Office takes years of service.

Mr Fidler leaves one with the feeling that if pressed he will continue to serve the community as long as his powers, still considerable, stay with him.

## Stop this squabbling, says Fidler

From our Correspondent Manchester

Those members of the community who do not accept the guidance of the Chief Rabbi have the right to be consulted on matters which affect their congregations. Let us put an end to this distracting situation," he pleaded.

Alderman Fidler explained that in the absence of an agreement the board felt that it had a bounden duty to the entire community to issue a ruling in its own name: "The board should continue to be guided by the Chief Rabbi and the Haham, and it will give consultative status to those designated as their leaders by other sections of Jews."

He stressed that it had always been his policy to consult with all Jews and he regretted that despite many discussions with both the Orthodox and the Progressive leaders, a stage had been reached that whatever was acceptable to one side was not to the other.

The position has now been reached where the Reform and Liberal delegates have threatened a walk-out on October 31," he warned.

Speaking about the Immigration Bill, Alderman Fidler said he appreciated that the Jewish community was sensitive to anything restrictive about immigration.

"We came to this country as immigrants and we had to feel our way into the community. Today, new communities are coming in and we should be assuring them on the basis of our own experiences," he said.

## Hertz memorial

The South Manchester Synagogue is to add to its name the title "Bet Knesset Yosef Tzvi Hertz."

This is being done to honour the memory of the late Chief Rabbi Dr Joseph Hertz. The centenary of the synagogue in six months' time coincides with the birth 100 years ago of Dr Hertz.

## Cardiff

The welfare committee of the Cardiff Jewish Home for the Aged, Penylan House, took the residents of the home for their annual summer coach outing around the South Wales coast. The guests were later entertained to tea at the Mark Manor Country House at Sully.

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## Shechita under Liverpool women in protest attack again

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The Board of Deputies took urgent action this week to counter a move by Stafford Borough Council aimed at bringing about changes in the ritual slaughter of animals by both Jews and Moslems.

The council sent out a circular letter to all county and borough councils in the country asking them to recommend to the Association of Municipal Corporations urgent support for legislation "to prevent unnecessary suffering to animals through such ritual slaughter."

The memorandum states that it is not an attempt to abolish this practice but to ensure that it is carried out under the most humane conditions.

Dr Bernard Ilona, chairman of the Board's shechita committee, has sent a letter to all the councils concerned stressing the humane nature of Jewish shechita methods and pointing out that the non-scientific conclusions in the circular had been scientifically disproved.

## Half-way mark for creche

From our Correspondent Southend

A two-week "good-as-new" sale organised by Southend and West-cliff senior Yids realised nearly £400 for Israel.

Local business man, Mr S. B. Rosenberg, loaned an empty shop in the busy Southchurch shopping centre for the sale.

The proceeds went towards a £5,000 creche which the Wizo group has undertaken to provide at Ofekim, near Beersheba. The fund-raising project, which started at the beginning of the year, now stands at the half-way figure of £2,500.

## Southport's civic guests

From our Correspondent

The Mayor and Mayoress of Southport, Alderman and Mrs A. Langfield, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Prestwich, Councillor and Mrs Clynnes, visited Manchester House, the Jewish Blind Society Home in Southport, on Sunday.

The civic guests had tea with the residents and were presented with gifts made in the occupational therapy class.

The visit was a special occasion for the home's matron, Mrs D. Malpas, for Dr Clynnes, the Mayoress of Prestwich, is her sister.

## Ruby wedding for Israel

When Mr and Mrs Maurice Sharp, of Blackpool, celebrated their ruby wedding they did so for Israel's benefit.

Mr Sharp is a past president and a trustee of the Blackpool Jewish Social Club and the couple were hosts at a dinner party for more than 60 at the club. As a result £100 was collected for Israel.

## Brighton

The ladies committee of the Brighton and Hove Friends of Magen David Adom raised over £200 at a supper dance held at the Ajax Hall.

A coffee morning was held at the home of Mrs L. Lerner with Mrs N. Butler as joint hostess and £182 was raised for Brighton and Hove Wizo.

Mr and Mrs H. Beckerman were hosts at a garden party held at their home at which £360 was raised for the Shalom Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem.



Members of the Liverpool "35s Group" demonstrating outside the university hostel. Left to right, Mrs Linda Pein, Mrs Esther Lerman, Mrs Bella Ellenbogen, Mrs Ruth Finch. The placard states "Leave Raisa Palatnik in peace"

From our Correspondent

The Liverpool "35s Group" of Jewish women last week stood daily with banners protesting against the imprisonment of Raisa Palatnik, outside the Picton Library where an International Librarians Conference was being held.

Some of the delegates stopped to read the leaflets and ask questions. Others looked embarrassed, while the Russian librarians quickly read the leaflets and then handed them back. One Hungarian delegate was seen to copy in his notebook the Russian wording displayed on a banner.

On Friday morning the group, led by Mrs Linda Pein and Mrs Ruth Finch, met the Russian delegates as they were about to leave the university hostel, Gladstone and Roscoe Hall, for a coach trip. The leader accepted a food parcel and flowers addressed to Raisa Palatnik but handed back a letter similarly addressed.

Mrs Finch was interviewed on Radio Merseyside, which gave the protest regular coverage, and Mrs Pein appeared on Granada TV.

## Harold house club reopens

The Harold House senior club, based in Liverpool's Jewish Youth Centre at Childwall has reopened. It had been closed since July 31 for "internal reorganisation."

Dr B. J. Maxwell, chairman of the club's council, told me that he and his committee are confident that the measures taken are proving successful.

Every applicant for membership of the reconstituted club is being interviewed and has to be prepared to participate in one or more of the club's activities—or in the organisation of such activities. Several applications have been deferred.

The running of the club is in the hands of the club officers and two professional assistant youth leaders, and it is understood that the number of members will be limited until the new scheme is firmly established.

## Zionist officer

From next month a special provincial officer is being appointed by the Zionist Federation to maintain contact with the provincial communities.

This was announced by Mr Sidney L. Shipton, the Federation's chairman, at the Liverpool Zionist Society's inaugural meeting last Sunday in Rex Cohen Court. His subject was "Zionism in the '70s."

Mr Shipton, who had had discussions with the Liverpool Zionist Central Council before the meeting, made the announcement in his reply to criticism of the Federation for its alleged neglect of the provincial Zionist organisations. He also stated that a provincial conference was being arranged.

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## Leeds kosher kitchen back on its feet

From our Correspondent

The Leeds Kosher Kitchen for Hospitals committee could "weather" a small financial storm, but it is no time for complacency," Mr Albert Quate, the chairman, said at Sunday's annual meeting.

Mr Quate was referring to the balance-sheet, which for the first time in many years, indicated that the Kosher Kitchen is back on its feet. However, Mr Quate warned that if the community stopped supporting the kitchens then they would return to the sorry position they faced several years ago.

There were suggestions that details of the balance sheet should not be published as it was felt that the community would not support the committee if they knew that the accounts were healthy. However, Mr Quate said that there was

no question of the balance sheet being suppressed as they were proud of it.

Mr Quate spoke of the "critical position" the committee were facing with regard to attracting new members. He said that the committee now numbered only 15, many of whom were "not very young," and that unless more people came forward to support the worthy cause there was a danger that the service may not be maintained. He told of two attempts that had been made to form a junior committee and said that it was evident that the "responsibility was with the senior members of the community."

## Gesture to Moslems

The Moslem community in Leeds has been granted permission to use the Jewish abattoir in Pontefract Lane.

Moslems, who practise similar dietary laws to Jews, do not have a suitable abattoir of their own. They applied for use of the Jewish abattoir in April, but although the Jewish community agreed that the Moslems be allowed its use on a Sunday, the City Council's marketing committee would not allow it. However at a meeting, attended by Moslem representatives and by Mr Isadore Brill, president of the Leeds Board of Shechita, agreement was reached.

## Sheffield

A coffee morning held at the home of Mr and Mrs E. Isaacs, raised £72 for Sheffield Wizo funds.



Dr David Byer and Miss Barbara Simmons of Leicester, who were married at the Finchley Synagogue, London. The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Simmons, well-known Leicester communal and Zionist workers. The bridegroom is a doctor of medicine and partner in his father's practice. Both his parents, Dr and Mrs Israel Byer, are also well known for their communal work.

## Kosher poultry price war

From our Correspondent

A kosher poultry price war has broken out in Glasgow following the opening of a retail shop by a former wholesaler to the butchers, Mr Isay Wolfson.

Undercutting of the butchers' charges—10p per lb. for hens and 22p for chickens—by Mr Wolfson, whose prices are 14p for hens and 18p for chickens, has brought a swift counter-move.

As from last Monday, Glasgow's kosher butchers have been selling hens at 12p per lb. and chickens at 16p per lb., a reduction which it is claimed has been made possible by the setting up of a newly formed central buying company, known as the Glasgow Kosher Butchers Ltd., consisting of an amalgamation of seven dealers.

## Aliya club is too successful

From our Correspondent

Birmingham's Aliya Club is in danger of folding up because the majority of its active members have already emigrated to Israel or will do so within the next month.

The chairman, Mr Brian Benjamin, has just left with his family and the joint secretaries, Mr and Mrs Leslie Gould, with their family, have already settled in Israel. Four other committee members will be going shortly.

In the period of its existence the club has been a valuable source of information for prospective immigrants from Birmingham. Mr Benjamin is, however, not dependent. The club could be re-

formed just as soon as the new was felt, he told me. Its existence has certainly proved to Birmingham that the Jewish Agency's London is not the inefficient muddle-headed body it was once thought to be, he said. "In all dealings with Rex House we have been realistic, extremely helpful and well worth talking to."

## Sunderland

The Sunderland-Israel Meeting held a "brunch" at the home of Dr and Mrs Frankenthal and as a result it was raised.

Perhaps it was shown most clearly and unwittingly in President Sadat's speech of May 15, when he was giving his first account of the "conspiracy" of the former Vice-President Ali Sabry and his friends, who are now on trial for their lives.

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## ARAB FEDERATION

Egypt, Syria and Libya have now come together in a Federation of Arab Republics. With the expected accession of Sudan the new body will comprise over half the population of the Arab world. Does the federation, if it lasts, pose a new and greater threat to the State of Israel?

## United against Israel

Not even the most naive and dedicated believer in Arab unity can have any doubt that the main stimulus and aim of the Federation of Arab Republics is the expulsion of the Israelis from the occupied territories, either through diplomatic pressure backed by greater armed potential or, in the last resort, military force.

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The fearful collaborator is ways a sad figure. When he is Jew who repudiates the State of Israel in the vain hope of appeasing the Diaspora rulers under whom he lives, he makes his fellow-Jews in other countries even sadder than himself.

The latest issue of Patterns of Justice, the invaluable journal of the Institute of Jewish Affairs, is none other than our beloved Prime Minister, Mr B. J. Vorster, God bless him.

Another wrote to Die Vaderland: "As regards Israel's treachery, I wish to say a word of repressing indigenous freedom movements."

Even less attractive were the reactions of certain individual Jews. Some cancelled bank orders for funds to Israel. One who did so was reported in the Rand Daily Mail as declaring: "The real protector of the Jewish community in South Africa, strangely enough, is none other than our beloved Prime Minister, Mr B. J. Vorster, God bless him."

And a columnist in the Nationalist newspaper Rapport commented coldly: "The Jewish com-

which Israel can discount. Indeed, Israeli leaders have made it clear that they take the federation seriously for this reason—even if its military implications are likely to harden rather than soften their resolve not to be stamped out of the occupied territories.

In the Six-Day War of 1967, Syria's ineptitude and refusal to integrate under Egyptian command was manna from heaven for Israel. In the Arab world the Baathist Government was held up to contempt because of its decision to keep the best Syrian divisions around Damascus, apparently to secure the régime.

With President Assad now in the saddle and Syria's pan-Arab commitment probably more genuine than Egypt's, the FAR's military command which will group the armed forces of Egypt, Libya and Syria will almost certainly be more than a symbol.

The constitution lays down that troops can be moved from one member-State to another. In fact, it is now generally accepted that two Egyptian MiG-17 squadrons were based in Syria as early as July.

Notwithstanding the French Government's assurances, there can be no doubt that the fanatical Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, with his belief in a warlike solution, will make Libya's Mirage-III and V's available to Egypt and Syria, although it is doubtful whether any of the four squadrons (48 aircraft of the 110 on order) due for delivery by the end of 1972 will be operational by then.

And, of course, the numerical supremacy in all weapons and aircraft that proper integration of the Egyptian and Syrian armed forces would produce will not give an actual military superiority in the short-term. The danger is, however, that it would give the leaders and

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It is difficult to see how the federation can positively help towards painless recovery of the occupied territories. The federal framework and the principle of unanimity of voting on important questions may enable Sadat, who will almost certainly be the first

chairman of the Presidential Council to curb the impulses of his peers, but whether he can reconcile Gaddafi and Assad to a settlement is a different matter. That, however, may be an academic question.

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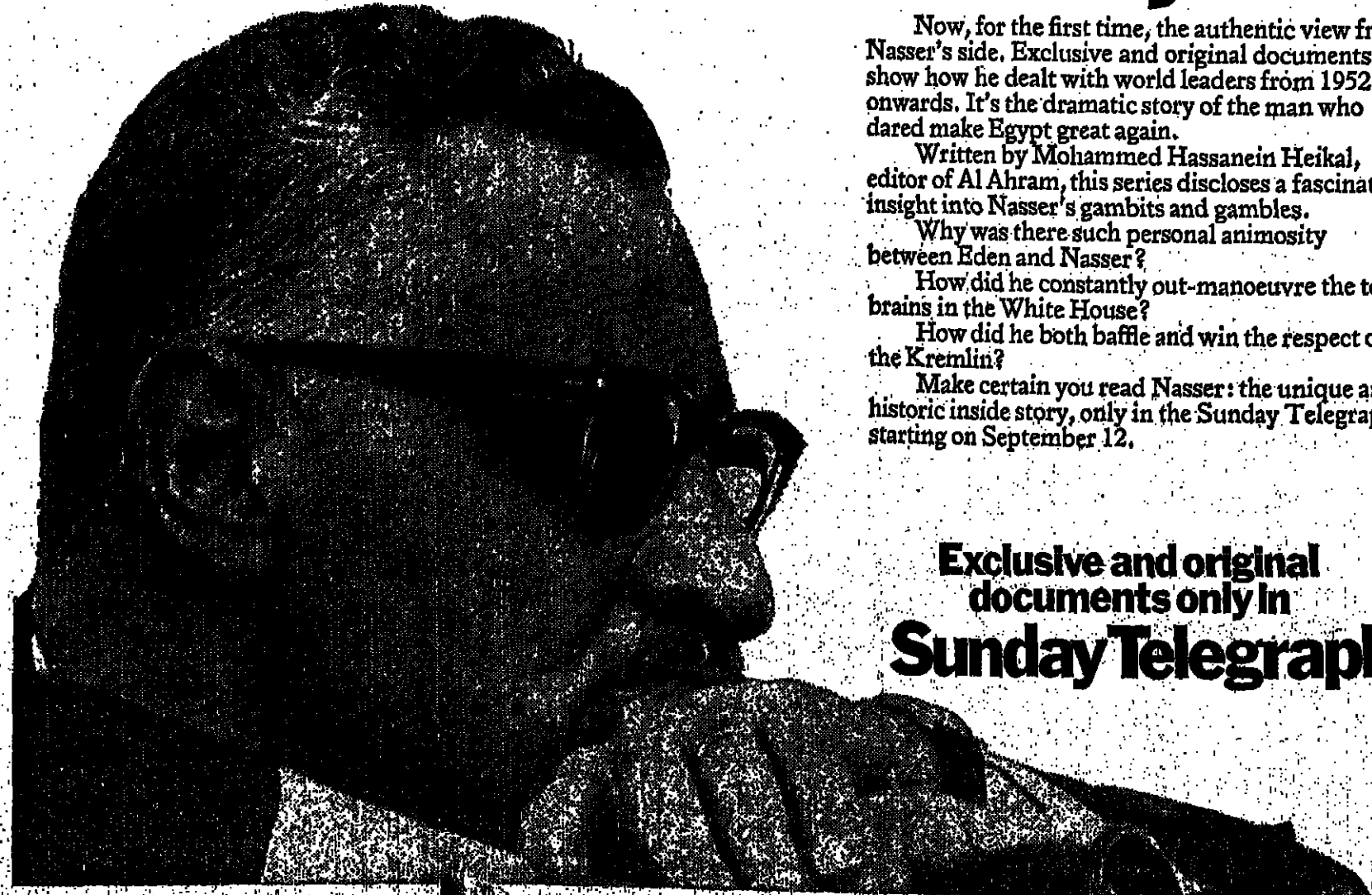
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# A city for all its inhabitants

Following a world-wide pressure campaign King Hussein of Jordan has again lodged a complaint with the United Nations over Israel's alleged 'Judaisation' of Jerusalem and may ask for a special meeting of the Security Council on the subject.

Physically ugly things have been and are being done to Jerusalem. It is impossible to deny this. Siting hotel blocks have been built and are in the course of construction on sites which are ruinous to the environment of the centre and the skyline of the surrounding hills.

The Housing Ministry has put up tracts of apartment blocks without regard to the aesthetics of the buildings or their situation, and private contractors have been permitted to wreak havoc with some of the choicest corners of the city.

A number of the grossest errors of taste and judgement were made in the heavy days following the Six-Day War when the desire of all Government, municipality and people, was to establish on the ground — physically and fast — the fact of the reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty.

In the four years since, there has been time for reflection and a better understanding of the fact that reunification is a political decision to be defended, if necessary, by the armed forces and not something which is secured by throwing a ball of "Jewish" construction around the city.

But the planning and development of Jerusalem continues to be bedevilled by the fact that everyone has — or wants — a finger in the pie. There are two committees which have it in their power to grant licences to build — one municipal, the other made up of representatives of the municipality, various Ministries and the Land Authority. Often the two are at loggerheads and it has not been unknown for the prospective builder to plague both their houses and go ahead with his intended project anyway.

Apart from the planning committees, individual Ministries also retain the right to put in their oar when the development of Jerusalem is under discussion. Some, like the Housing Minister, Mr Zeev Sharef, see Jerusalem as a big, booming capital — and the devil take those foreigners who do not share his notion of what he openly terms "a Zionist solution" to the problem of reunifying the city.

The Communications Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, also looks to an expanded city and favours channeling all current and future immigration there to make certain of the fact.

But Jerusalem's Mayor, Mr

Teddy Kollek, who insists that he presides over a living, developing organism and not a museum piece, says that he has no intention of competing with Tel Aviv in terms of quantity. "We want to preserve the quality — Jerusalem must not become just any city."

Although he, too, has been guilty in the past of condoning acts of physical vandalism — some of which he now seems to regret — Mr Kollek has been big enough to admit that his much-vaunted master plan for the development of Jerusalem, on which teams of city architects, planners and engineers laboured for thousands of hours, is not good enough.

He has, in effect, torn it up and, with the help of experts from the Greater London Council, has been establishing new planning teams which include not only architects and engineers, but also sociologists and archaeologists. An urban planning unit has just been set up.

The notion of large-scale reconstruction is temporarily in suspense. The emphasis, now, is on rehabilitating and refurbishing some of the worst-decayed sectors of the city.

Politically, Israel has moved with the utmost care in handling the reunification of the city. Although Arabs still refuse to present themselves as candidates for the city council, their interests are in the concerned hands of Mr Kollek's right-hand man, Mr Meron Benvenisti.

Not only has the municipality itself undertaken the building of new housing for Arab families, it has also co-operated in the first private-enterprise Arab housing-building project in Jerusalem since June, 1967; has built six



Building of the new suburb of Ramat Eshkol, one of the subjects of complaint by King Hussein

municipal children's playgrounds in various sectors of East Jerusalem (the Jordanians never built one), and has provided a wide variety of other facilities for youth clubs, schools and women's cultural activities.

The charge that Israel is de-Arabising the city does not stand up to physical inspection. Arabs have been removed from the ancient Jewish quarter of the Old City where they squatted after the Jordanian conquest in 1948. Undeveloped Arab land has been expropriated (and compensation offered) in some sectors of the city.

But the Arab character of East Jerusalem and of much of the Old City remains intact. And that is how the Mayor wants it to stay.

GEOFFREY D. PAUL

## It was a sell-out in Cairo

Next Thursday the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will play in London, having come from successful performances at the Edinburgh Festival and previously at Salzburg.

to the concert hall . . . the impunctual limousine, which he then refused to enter, trailing him all the way.

The air of tension was dispelled after the first rehearsal during which the musicians, awed by this titan of music, almost literally held their breaths. After leading the orchestra through a reading of Brahms' Second Symphony, the maestro put down his baton and "benedict" (good). This positive, if brief, critique coming from the world's most renowned conductor made the orchestra's spirits soar and the inaugural concert were a great success.

After that the irascible maestro loosened up. Once, when the orchestra couldn't quite get the rhythm of the tarantella in Mendelssohn's Fourth Symphony ("The Italian"), Toscanini hunched up his trousers to his knees and proceeded to dance a tarantella. The orchestra got the message.

In the intervening years, the IPO has performed at leading concert halls throughout the world. Several globe-girdling tours have left an indelible musical impact on audiences in Australia, India and Japan as well as England, the Continent and the United States.

Yet the orchestra is nostalgic. It is in the back of its mind to have the opportunity someday to repeat its gala success of its first foreign tour which it took in early 1937, when it played to sell-out audiences in a series of concerts . . . in Cairo.

BRUNO WASSERTHEIL

Artur Rubinstein has been one of the many world-famous musicians who have played with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is the busiest in the world, playing an average of seven concerts every fortnight during a season that lasts from October to July. For "relaxation" the orchestra usually goes on tour August and September and this year is visiting six countries, playing 21 concerts in 18 cities in the space of 32 days. Like the good Jewish orchestra that it is, it will play instruments and return to Israel to spend Yom Kippur in Holy Land.

Perhaps because of its frenetic pace, the Israel Philharmonic has had a permanent conductor, which season it uses (or "wears") may be the more appropriate word. Some ten conductors, Israeli and foreign. They include the best known in the field of music, such as Leonard Bernstein, who invariably shows to conduct special concerts to mark Israel's Independence Day.

The same approach has been adopted by the municipality — recently, in what some people describe as a piece of inspired musical ecumenism, the national orchestra of the Jewish State mentary on its own at a Jewish or other foreign spokesman for Christianity condemn Israeli activities in Jerusalem and their words find no echo among Church leaders in the city itself.

GEOFFREY D. PAUL

### COMEDIAN

## My country right not wrong

If things had only gone the way they were planned, Warren Mitchell, who opened last week as a worry-worn Jewish New Yorker in "Jump!" at the Queen's Theatre, might have turned out to be a respectable, non-controversial maker of atom-bombs or inventor of poison gases.

That was how it was intended when, in 1944, the bright lad from Stoke Newington went to Oxford to study physics and chemistry and was got at, in a sense, by no less an influence than Richard Burton.

"Through Richard," said Mitchell, "I got to like the idea of acting. And after going into the RAF I never took up my place at Oxford."

Mitchell was something of a show-off as a child, being the star of a local dancing academy where he was assured that if only he would take up ballet he could be the Fred Astaire of North London within a few years.

But he retired from show-biz at the age of nine in order to concentrate on football.

Warren is his real name. "It had to be something beginning with W after a dead grandfather," he said. But the Mitchell was, originally, Missell.

"I changed it reluctantly," he said, "but I was getting some strange pronunciations. My father didn't want me to go into the theatre, but as I was in it he deserved a bit of nachas by seeing the family name up. Eventually, he went round telling everyone that Alf Garnett was his son."



Warren Mitchell

Quite early on—a week, he says, after his barmitzva — Mitchell decided that he had no interest in the religious side of being Jewish. "My Jewishness," he said, "is a fondness for Jewish jokes and Jewish food. I suppose that when I joined the RAF I was full of righteous indignation and wanted to shoot down Germans for what they had done to the Jews. But the war ended a fortnight before I was due to get my wings."

"When I became a bit famous and didn't automatically attend every Zionist function and side

with Israel come what may, found myself in conflict with the majority of the Jewish community who, I'm afraid, support Israel like they support Arsenal.

"I don't believe in my country right or wrong as far as England is concerned and I don't believe that Israel is right just because I'm Jewish. I've said things like this before and it has produced extraordinary choicer. Choicer wouldn't mind."

"I'm interested only in justice for all the people concerned. I've always been deeply suspicious of nationalism. I refuse to surrender my Jewishness, nevertheless. Once he refused to play a Jewish fence in a television play not because there are no Jewish fences but because he thought the role as written was indelibly mator and that the dialogue was totally false. Nor would he play up the part so that someone else could play it. He eventually played his way and played it as a Jewish cockney."

"My wife isn't Jewish," he said, "and my children—two girls and a boy—were brought up without any religion. It never seems to matter. We had the boy circumcised though, in case he wants to do something about it later."

At that moment, his dress brought in his supper—salt beef sandwiches and ketchup cures.

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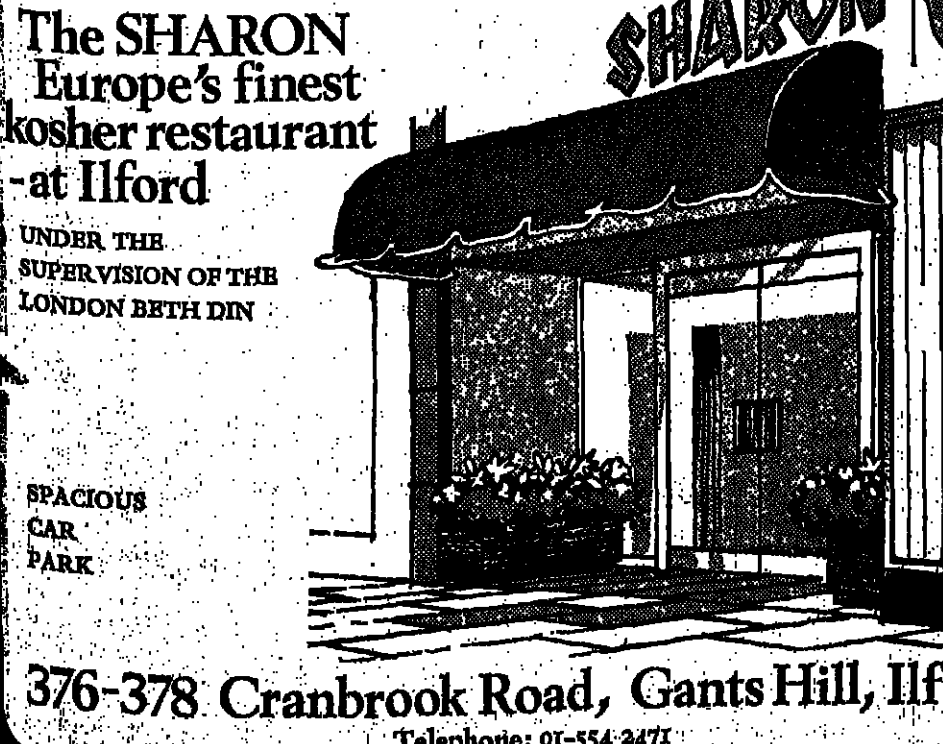
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## Survivor who made a million

Bergen-Belsen devoured some 110,000 people—80 per cent of them Jews—and became the symbol and by-word of human barbarity. Nearly half of the 58,000 liberated inmates followed their dead brethren into the mass graves of the camp. Last Monday they were remembered by the announcement of the Belsen Memorial Award for Holocaust literature.

All the 30,000 who lived on owe their individual survival to the British Army and its dedicated medical unit. But their survival as a collective group, a conscious Jewish remnant, they owe, above all, to one small but determined man they used to call Yosele Rosenzweig, the founder and president of the Bergen-Belsen association.

Yosef Rosenzweig, now 50, cheated death more than once. Arrested by the Gestapo in his native Bialystok, in Poland, he promptly escaped. Recaptured and sent to Auschwitz, he jumped off the train taking him there.

He found himself in the death camp later while trying to save his wife and child. They perished and he was one of a group transferred to Belsen, where his courage, single-minded determination and dictatorial bent marked him out as the leader of the survivors after liberation.

### Autonomous community

As chairman of the Bergen-Belsen committee he transformed the miserable remnant into an autonomous community, and as head of the central committee of the Jews in the British zone he was the spokesman for the Jewish survivors in a large part of Germany. Neither task was easy since the Jewish and Zionist aspirations of the survivors sometimes clashed with established Allied, and especially British, policy.

His first—and successful—fight was to force the Allies to classify the Jewish survivors as Jews and not as nationals of their countries of origin, where they had no wish to return.

Rosenzweig, while co-operating with the British occupation authorities in the persons rehabilitation of the Jewish remnant, had to conduct a bitter struggle against the policy of the British Government of the time which denied the survivors the right to emigrate to Palestine.

He warned the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry that if they would not be allowed to go to Eretz Yisrael, "we shall go back to Dachau, Buchenwald and Auschwitz and you will carry the moral responsibility."

But, to everybody's surprise, he himself never settled in Israel. He and his second wife, Hadassa, herself an inmate of Belsen and one of the doctors in its medical rescue team, are frequent commuters to (and generous benefactors of) Israel, but their more permanent home is in New York where they keep their art collection, one of the most famous and valuable in private possession.

Yosef and Hadassa have dedicated themselves to preserving the memory of Belsen as a place and symbol of Jewish martyrdom and of Jewish survival.

It is the inspiration behind the annual memorial award — Priz du Souvenir — founded by the Rosenzweigs in the name of the world federation of Belsen Associations for the most outstanding Jewish book on the Holocaust or Israel.

To Rosenzweig, too, as the guardian of the memory of Belsen, must go much of the credit for preventing, a few years ago, the desecration of its mass graves. He was in the forefront of the successful campaign against a French attempt to exhume the remains of 139 Frenchmen buried there.

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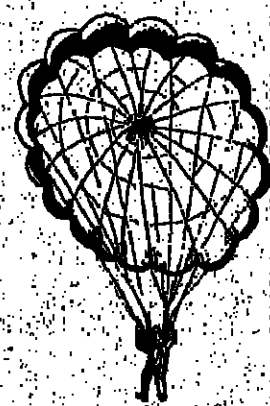
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## That habit of hoarding

By SHARON WALLACH

Every few months, whenever I feel restless or it's raining, I determine to throw out every scrap of the unwanted clothing, jewellery, letters and china dogs that clutter my shelves and cupboards.

There is a catch. I am a hoarder, born and bred—or perhaps it's middle-class influences which put great emphasis on material possessions.

Anyway, I'll give you an example: hanging in my wardrobe is a three-year-old red skirt, faded, unfashionable and, to my delight, now too large.

Each time I start a collection earmarked for War on Want, the skirt is stuffed purposefully into the sack. Then I pause indecisively, take it out again, try it on, consider that it doesn't look that bad and that I could take it in the seams.

I know full well that I won't wear it and that it'll hang forgotten until the next spring-cleaning.

Another thing which stops me throwing away old clothes is the lurking feeling that they might become fashionable again.

A case in point is a fantastic long velvet dress I bought about

four years ago. Less brave in those days, I thought it too unconventional (all the world wore minis then) and wore it only twice. Eventually I chopped it up into a short skirt and waistcoat.

What happened? Well, a couple of years later I saw the same dress walking about in London and looking marvellous. So that's one of my excuses for hoarding.

It's the same with old letters—I tear up large handfuls, priding myself on my cool lack of sentimentality and immediately regret it, because I know that the day will come when I need to be cheered up and those letters would have been the ideal panacea.

And then there's superstition—not daring to throw away that awful painted china sailor because it was a gift.

I get an awful feeling that if I do throw out something that was a present a terrible catastrophe will befall either the giver or me—rather like the habit of sticking pins in a wax figure of your enemy.

I also believe in an intuitive

feminine distaste of actually putting something into a dustbin, out first finding another use for—even if the object in question is a cup with no handle or a less teapot.

Unfortunately for my bank account I don't have this drive economy, so I have to spend money on dustbins, etc., which could well have used the forage sheet I just threw away.

Photographs are something I dislike keeping—snaps of boy-friends, which make you wonder at your taste or which you at the passing of time, or embarrassing shots of you in three stone heavier.

But I still could not bear throw them out, until a ghastly thing happened. In my wallet I had a collection of almost 50 boy-friend I've ever had, and a pub one evening with a crowd of friends, including my current friend, the purse fell open and my past history waited for me for all to see.

I was left to explain that I were old photos and I hadn't any of the people for years, as was true. That was when I decided to burn the lot.

## book reviews

## A legend comes to life

R. N. CARVALHO

**HEROD THE GREAT.** By Michael Grant. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, £3.25.  
**BAR-KOCHBA.** The rediscovery of the legendary hero of the last Jewish Revolt against Imperial Rome. By Yigal Yadin. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, £3.70.

A Jewish reviewer will be pardoned for giving pride of place to the second of these two excellent productions.

It is not a biography of Bar-Kochba but an account by its leader of the expedition mounted by the Hebrew University in 1900 and 1901, which recovered from the caves of the Judean desert documents containing the name of Bar-Kochba, the hero of the Second Roman War, who died at Bethar in 135 CE. These documents from Bar-Kochba to his subordinate commanders in the Eilat Gedi region, a district rich in spices and balsam, and at first far from the war. They bring the legendary hero to life and give us valuable information on the situation, both economic and military, in the years of the war.

There are also some rare artefacts, including a uniquely perfect glass bowl, and two collections not connected with the Bar-Kochba period. One is a set of beautiful ritual objects of the Hellenistic period, circa 3,000 BCE, hidden in the same cave as the Bar-Kochba letters.

The other is a very interesting collection of legal documents concerning the private vicissitudes of an aristocratic Jewish widow of the generation before the war, which to a social historian is of immense value.

The whole book is illumined by the lucidity and enthusiasm of Yadin, whose work in popularising the archaeological discoveries, first at Masada and now Eilat Gedi, does so much to under the pride of contemporary Jewry in the heroism of our ancestors, the last Jews in a free Palestine before 1948.

To turn from Bar-Kochba to Herod is to pass from an heroic age to a dark and dismal period for the human spirit. Herod has had a bad press both from Jewish and Christian sources. Dr Grant does his best to whitewash him but is reduced to saying that no one of his period did in his position could have done better for his country or committed fewer crimes against



This basket, nearly 2,000 years old and containing 19 bronze vessels from the Bar-Kochba period, was found by Yigal Yadin's team in the desert of Judea

his family or against humanity. While he excludes as being legendary the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, for which the authority is the Gospel according to Matthew, he leaves us with a man who murdered his wife (true, she was only one of about ten wives), three of his sons, his sovereign and many friends, to say nothing of a mother-in-law. Dr Grant excuses him by saying

that for nearly 40 years he kept his throne and could have done it no other way, and indeed maintaining as he did friendly relations with Anthony, Cleopatra and Augustus must indeed have been possessed of exceptional skill and exceptional time-serving. Both books are lavishly and indeed superbly illustrated. Dr Grant's in black and white, Yadin's in colour.

## Kindling the spark

WOLF MANKOWITZ

**AN ISRAELI AT THE COURT OF ST. JAMES'S.** By Hanoch Bartov. Vallentine, Mitchell, £1.70.

Next to the Six-Day War Hanoch Bartov was the most successful instrument of Israeli public relations to make an impact on Britain in recent years.

As an embassy attaché with a particular commitment to cultural relations, he supervised and directed a campaign of support for Israel of such effectiveness as would earn for a diplomat of any other country medals, honours, titles and a key position in the propaganda arm of his government.

But Bartov was and is a writer who left his typewriter to do a tour of duty. When it was over he returned quietly to his life-task of helping to make the babel of Tel Aviv understandable to himself and other Israelis.

Now he writes a weekly column of political comment for Maariv, the books that won him the Shalom Prize, and this charming glib zizical memoir of his two years in London.

Bartov brought to England the kind of wry, shy Anglophilia which people who know the English really well find touching and sometimes irritating. It's an attitude which arises from a Central European respect for England's literature, humour and quaint historical institutions.

In Bartov's case, despite his experience of the British as a Colonial power, his gentle respect remained undistorted. In my own experience of life in Israel, Bartov is one of the few Sabras who don't basically regard English-born Jews as having some kind of social disease.

The truth is that Israel has no particular reason to feel much other than bitter resentment of Britain, and if Israelis lump British Jews with Bavin, well, it's stupid but as understandable as

the Israeli ambivalence towards money given by American Jews. Biting the hand that feeds you is not an unfamiliar reaction of proud teeth, and bread eaten is perhaps best simply digested and forgotten.

Yet it wasn't Bartov's sympathy towards things English, I think, which won him enormous general support among British Jews. It was another quality, becoming increasingly rare among Israelis, Jewishness.

Bartov was always a Jew, and other Jews were his brothers. He feels it and communicates the feeling and through our contact with it many of us became more Jewish than we had ever been, and this was the lodestone which drew us into our identification with Israel.

Of course, Bartov was helped by the euphoria of the six-day victory and even more perhaps by the short predatory fear of the imminent loss of Israel.

But I am certain that it was when he discovered on his journey into the Diaspora that the portable and indestructible spark in Jews is Jewishness and not nationality that he found his way into the hearts and minds of the many sceptical Jewish intellectuals whom he welded into an effective propaganda machine in a matter of hours.

Israel and the Jews are blessed in being able to find in a crisis men and women who rise to the occasion and, often without any previous experience (other than racial memories), carry out complex tasks with remarkable success.

Bartov and his London associates during the Six-Day War are of that breed and Israel should be no less grateful to them than they are to Israel.

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## In brief

### Old Boys' return

Recently a group of about 50 men left work early, rushed home to Ilford, Edgware and points in between, threw a weekend bag into the car and converged on what is to them a most hallowed spot.

The Oxford and St. George's Old Boys' Club were getting ready for their annual week-end camping holiday on the Sussex Downs, overlooking the sea.

As for the past 50 years on this lovely meadow appeared tents, marquees, goalposts and cricket stumps. But not quite by magic. A dedicated band of young workers led by club leader Lebn Rogers had grafted in the sun to prepare the camp for almost 100 Jewish boys and girls arriving as the old boys left, determined to have the time of their young lives.

For a couple of days accountants, gown manufacturers, taxi drivers and company directors donned shorts and pilchards and became the boys that they were 50, 40 and even 30 years ago. Business affairs, overdrafts—even wives and children—were forgotten to make way for gentle rambles, cricket, swimming, tennis, and just lying in the sun.

The club is one of the few surviving active organisations of its kind in Anglo-Jewry and every summer, at Highdown, the "young old boys" show their determination to remain so for many years yet.

H. JACOBS

## On-the-spot

● An on-the-spot investigation of Younger JNF's latest project—the development of Moshav Ohad in the Eshkol region—was one of the highlights of the recent JNF tour to Israel. Over 60 Britons participated in the 18-day tour, which included a comprehensive sight-seeing programme.

At Ohad, a plaque recording YJNF's work was unveiled. A similar plaque was unveiled by Edmond Cohen, YJNF national secretary, and Richard Manning, national chairman, at Keturah, the Arava settlement which was YJNF's main 1968-70 project.

A new YJNF Commission is to be formed in Wembley for the 17-20 age group. Further details from Sylvia Rubin, 27, Greenmore Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.



## In fra dig?

Israeli summers are always filled with thousands of Jewish students, especially from America, many of them anxious to work on kibbutzim. Unfortunately, so great is the demand that they are often

turned away disappointed. There just no room at the kibbutzim. Ministry of Tourism took over people pictured above and asked them to work instead in Jerusalem's archaeological sites.

## Pretty brigade?

Reader Nigel Spencer, of Dulwich, has thrown down this gauntlet to Women's Lib:

"We find in our voluntary service group in South London that the males are outnumbered 5-1 by girls at the socials, but the girls are outnumbered 10-1 by males for doing voluntary service. Surely, if Women's Lib is to succeed, the girls ought to prove themselves by doing some work and not just being pretty faces."

Well, girls, how about that? A few Leytonstone over-18s, worried about the steady decline in clubgoers' age groups, have formed a new group for the 18-plus. The Maccabean Senior banded last week with a cheese and wine party and is anxious to hear from potential members; c/o Pamela Lister, 29 Parkholme Road, Dalston, E8.

## Camp awards

Ronald Alexander Porter, Jewish Lads' Brigade public relations officer, is anxious to inform readers that the awards given at their recent annual summer camp to the Finchley and Edgware companies, featured in Inpage, August 20, were just a few of the honours bestowed on companies on awards night. In fact, over 70 camp awards were given.

## Hostel appeal

Does week-end hosting appeal to you? Wembley's Linda Rye is convinced that there are plenty of Londoners belonging to the Youth Hostels Association who would like to team up with other Jewish members for just one purpose.

She told Inpage that she was to establish a clearing scheme in which members could be introduced to each other for meetings at week-ends. "If enough people are interested it may be possible to start a London group," she suggests. Interested? Telephone her, 804 3342, or write to 27 Grosvenor Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

## Synagogue centre

Since we last featured the developments of local youth centres in London, news has reached that the NW Reform Synagogue has started to build a centre. Its Allyn Gardens premises. Work is expected to take about a year, by which time it is hoped to raise enough money to finance the project.

The synagogue is asking for other £25,000 to support the already raised. It is also on the look out for a name for the centre. Bright ideas, in time for a ground-breaking ceremony early November, will be welcomed.

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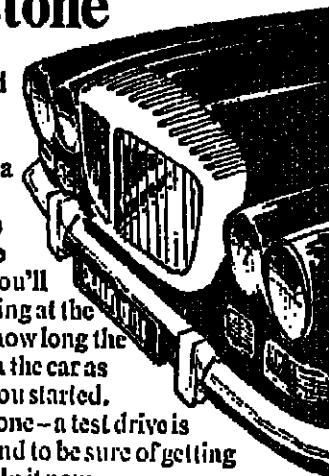
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## The threat from within

JUST OVER a week ago Mrs Meir warned against the very real dangers of internal division and dissension in Israel. The "real catastrophes," as she put it, "originate from within," and she struck at talk about two nations and two communities in Israel by pointing out that all Israelis share a common fate.

This week Mrs Meir has again drawn attention to the dangers of the internal situation, in particular to the chronic and crippling labour disputes which are causing strikes. Very properly, the Prime Minister described the present situation as very grave. No doubt she was thinking in particular of the strikes of customs officials and civil aviation workers which have caused chaos at Lydda airport. These strikes have a security aspect as well as an economic cause and content.

The psychological as well as economic reasons for the present internal troubles in Israel are too well known to require detailed analysis. The long truce has turned peoples' minds away from contemplation of external dangers. The "have-nots" in the population have become increasingly aware of their needs, and even relatively well-paid workers do not see why they should not ask for more. This is altogether natural, particularly in a community like Israel's which has had to make so many sacrifices in order to survive at all. The basic economic problem is equally palpable—Israel has been consistently living beyond her means,

essentially because she must bear a defence burden which is horrifyingly large and which threatens to become even larger.

Behind the economic problem lurks the equally disturbing social one, that of the "Oriental Jewish" community which tends to regard itself as being treated as second-class citizens. The root problems of the Oriental Jews remain their lack of secondary education, their under-representation in positions of authority, their lower standards of housing. But because a problem still exists, it is often forgotten just how much has already been done to solve it.

There is no easy summing-up of Israel's internal problems. Mrs Meir's comparison of the Black Panthers with idol-worshippers is not apposite—their activities are a gauge of underlying discontent, even though they are a small group. Her condemnation of wildcat strikes, on the other hand, is totally justified. Israel simply cannot afford them. Overall economic problems will remain immensely difficult to solve, for there is no quick and easy way out of them. The situation stresses, more obviously than in the past, the need for peace, but this does not diminish Israel's security requirements for a moment. Perhaps the unhappiest feature of a worrying situation is that devaluation will hit the poor the hardest, leading to increased discontent. Because of these immediate pressures, there is all the more need for advance long-term planning to be seen to be

operating. It will encourage unity in a community which is under desperately heavy strain and is at last beginning to show the effects of it.

## Prevention

Warnings that the Palestine terrorists intend to direct their operations against Israeli diplomatic and other institutions abroad cannot be disregarded. The failure of terrorist activity in the occupied areas, followed by liquidation of the private armies in Jordan, is forcing the terrorists, particularly their Communist wing, to find new outlets for their destructive urges. These are men whose failure to impose their will on their own countrymen or neighbours moves them to unlimited violence outside. It is important that the wider world should not wait for these outlaws to act, but should decide now not only how it will react but also how it will forestall their outrages. In particular, it must be insisted that guilt be shared by those States which allow them asylum. Nor should terrorists be allowed to recoup prisoners by taking innocent hostages. Those who deplore draconian measures to defend civilised norms must say how they would defend them, or what? Above all, those who justify them share their guilt.

## Justice deferred

It is characteristic of Israel's constitutional arrangements that though the Chief Rabbinate exercises powerful statutory authority over the lives of its citizens, no ordered legal framework has been established for the institution after more than two decades of statehood. Some time ago, the Prime Minister passed a draft Bill regulating the election of the Chief Rabbi to the legislative committee of the Knesset. But it has been held up there as a result of political horse-trading processes. The National Religious Party is opposed to one of the committee chairman's projects; a Bill to make heads of local authorities (a salaried appointment with considerable power) directly elected instead of being politically nominees. Were this system to be introduced the NRP would lose most of the headships it

holds at present by virtue of political deals. Since these headships represent important sources of patronage, the NRP has resisted reform. The legislative committee chairman is therefore "going slow" on the Rabbinate draft Bill. As a result, octogenarian gentlemen are forced to stay in office to their discomfort and public dismay. One cannot demand perfection from our fellow Jews in Israel. But on matters so vitally affecting Jewry as a whole, one might ask them to reach average levels of political morality.

## Arms for defence

Israel's Ambassador to Washington, General Rabin, could perhaps be accused of being undiplomatic by attacking the United States Government without withholding Phantom aircraft from Israel. But he was saying something which had to be said. Israel has two objections to the State Department line. The first is that Israel herself is the best judge of whether she really needs more aircraft. The State Department's view that the military balance has not been shifting against Israel is discounted in Jerusalem. The Soviet Union is continuing to build up Egypt's armaments, most of all in the air. Armistice strength, most of all in the air, is immensely costly, and Israel can rely upon not to ask for more than she can afford or for more than she really needs. In the second place, the United States Government has given the impression that arms may be withheld as a means of applying political pressure on Israel—pressing Israel to make concessions to Egypt. Rogers, again, has indicated the State Department line by saying that Israel's position on an interim Suez agreement is "not viable." Yet Israel's Government genuinely believes that which the Anglo-Jewish community has offered all that it can. Mr Eban may well be ashamed. Perhaps your Chief Rabbinate expected in Washington on or around September 21 and he will certainly care to take the matter in regard the question of deliveries of Phantom aircraft as a priority for his meeting with Mr Rogers. His main argument will be plain; whereas Egypt is rearming itself with thoughts of a war of revenge Israel needs arms essentially to defend herself and ensure her very existence. Nothing has changed in this respect since peace is just as far off as ever.

## Beth Din defended against procrastination charge

Sir—I am writing in reply to the letter in your September 3 issue from Messrs. Moss and Marwan. However, I would like to point out that I am writing only as an individual and not on behalf of the community. Only half a day has been told. There are many people, like myself, who are most anxious that their children should not marry and would be most perturbed should they fall in love with someone whose Jewishness is doubtful. We put our trust in the Beth Din for such matters to verify such facts. If they are going to be hindered in this important work one does not need to be a prophet to foresee a sorry plight in Anglo-Jewry when one would not know whether one's fellow-Jew is a true Jew.

In this particular case the Beth Din were confronted with a girl whose parents have no ketuba, coupled with the fact that the girl's mother has remarried (not in Nazi Germany) once again without a ketuba (a fact which Messrs. Moss and Marwan fail to mention). Does this not lend suspicion to the matter? I would say Bravo! Beth Din for doing a thorough job.

They say the Beth Din were guilty of delay. Were the young couple not guilty likewise? How many times have I had to remind them to go to the Beth Din. Had they gone when I told them, then the whole matter would have been clarified in good time. Nor did they go to the department to which I instructed them.

When the couple were informed that the bride would first have to prove that she is Jewish she went on her own to that department, failing to mention that she intended to get married soon, hence that department was unaware of the urgency of the matter. Finally I discussed the matter with Mrs Moss one month before the affixed date of the wedding when permission had been given by the Beth Din.

On contacting the bridegroom, he told me that he had just made arrangements with the Reform Synagogue and did not wish to alter these plans although he was prepared to cancel the plans he had made with me.

This wedding in my opinion took place in the Reform Synagogue although the parties concerned knew full well where they stood with the United Synagogue and that the marriage could have taken place as arranged in good time.

So what is the outcry—because the Beth Din did its job properly? (Rabbi) R. KAHAN, minister, Sutton & District community 8 Mayfield Road, Sutton.

## The limits of boycott

Sir—Mr Bennett (your September 3 issue) wonders whether Jewry should boycott the Olympic Games because a group of Russians will be competing. The Olympic Games are a fully international event, and Russia will be only one of dozens of countries represented. To boycott governed by the custom of the whole games, therefore, as a place in which it was manifestly its three million Jews is slightly ridiculous.

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## Literary desert watered

Sir—I am a member of what is called "the younger generation." Nevertheless for the past couple of years I've been a reader of the Jewish Quarterly, shamefully a little read or known magazine in our community despite its 18 years' existence.

I read the first issue of the new Jewish arts magazine Turtle that has been much advertised and was on sale at the local newspaper kiosk. Also I've followed the series of letters in the Jewish Chronicle that sprang from the Ben Azri column which inadvertently pitted the two against each other where I personally see no cause for conflict.

There is a dire need for both a Jewish Quarterly and Turtle in our culturally arid community. Perhaps they might just be the first flowers in the desert as an outer manifestation of a latent undercurrent reading for its Time. But the Jewish Quarterly should not be Turtle, nor Turtle the Jewish Quarterly. Each is unique in itself.

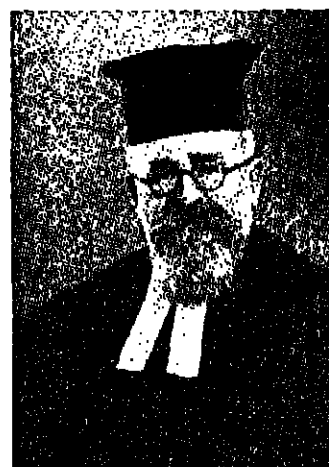
While the Jewish Quarterly possesses a valid commentary on Jewish life, Turtle is involved in the search and consciousness of my generation which as Mr J. Paley stated in his letter (August 20) makes it more than just an "arts" magazine.

It calls for much more than Mr Sonnet's "well attended" literary evenings once or twice a year and Anglo-Israeli writers' dialogues (August 27), but a community of activity on many different levels in order to create an alternative life style which aspires neither the world of the Jewish Canonists nor Oz.

BENNO SCHOITZ, 151 Dartmouth Road, N.W.2.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hertz memorial synagogue



Sir—It affords me great personal pleasure to inform you that the coincidence of the forthcoming synagogue's centenary celebrations with the birth 100 years ago of Britain's distinguished Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, has motivated us, in the absence of a tangible memento to his memory, to add to the name of our synagogue the title: Bet Knesset Yosseph Tzvi Hertz.

For 33 years he was in unrivalled command at the helm of Anglo-Jewry and brought to the discharge of his arduous duties wise statesmanship and profound scholarship.

During the most agonising and shattering years in the history of our people he inspired us as a fearless fighter, articulate ambassador, and powerful preacher. The whole world of Jewry became his parish. With this gesture and with the blessings of his family we intend to erect the synagogue as a memorial to a veritable prince of Israel.

(The Rev) F. CARLEBACH, South Manchester Hebrew Congregation, Wilbraham Road, Manchester.

## Commissions of a sculptor

Sir—Ben Azri's remarks about me, in your August 20 issue, are on the whole correct, and I thank him for his good intentions, but they may have led to a wrong impression of my relationship with the Glasgow Jewish community.

Zena Endler's letter, in your September 3 issue, prompts me to clarify and correct both. The head of Ellis Isaacs, done in 1944, is actually the only official commission I received from the Jewish community. The group in the Glasgow Jewish Welfare Centre, though not in bronze, was the generous gift of a very prominent member of the board, who was an early patron of mine.

My friends in this community—and I have many—have always marked any distinction that came my way. The most recent was a gift of a bronze of mine to the Jerusalem Museum and a prize in my name in the annual exhibition of the Royal Scottish Academy. Certainly my large commissions have come from the R.C. Church and from various corporations and public bodies, and it never occurred to me to expect such commissions from the Jewish community here.

Nevertheless, during the past decade or so, an increasing number of Glasgow Jews have been buying my sculpture.

BENNO SCHOITZ, 2 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, W.2.

## The immortality that is Anne Frank

Sir—In a recent issue, your Amsterdam correspondent reported that a charge of \$p had been introduced for entry to the Anne Frank House, towards high maintenance costs. As a reader who has

travelled widely in Europe, I place Amsterdam very high on my list of places well worth visiting, and Anne Frank House is a "must" for visitors.

The diary that Anne maintained throughout the two years of the family's concealment has become one of the classics of literature of this century and has made a shrine of the building at 263 Prinsengracht, thousands of tourists from all corners of the world paying visits of tribute each year.

No one should ever pass through Amsterdam without seeing the house, to recall the terrible events of the Second World War and, I would say, to gain inspiration from Anne's immortal and unflagging spirit.

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart. If I look up into the heavens I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty will end, and that peace and tranquillity will return again."

The building is open daily. Inside one walks behind a bookcase that conceals a staircase to the clandestine top-floor apartment and then into the now bare rooms where the family lived and on the walls can be seen the yellowed clippings which teenage Anne pasted there—photos of film stars, news items about the Hitler Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret.

The effect is searing, heart-breaking and finally infuriating beyond belief. This mood is fortunately improved by the inspiring work of the Anne Frank Foundation, which has made the house a meeting centre for the youth of all nations and set up the annex near by as a summer hostel for young people visiting Amsterdam.

M. D. FREEMAN, 1 Bloomfield Crescent, Gants Hill, Ilford, Essex.

## Immigrants as voters

Sir—You published in your January 16 issue a review by Mr Alfred Sherman of a book by Dr Shlomo Deshen, "Immigrant Voters in Israel," published by the Manchester University Press. That review consisted mainly of statements that Dr Deshen had said things that were well known to all Israelis (though, in fact, your review is addressed to people in Britain), and the reviewer cited one sentence of what he called sociological jargon.

As I directed the research on which this book was based and indeed wrote a foreword to it, it was very difficult for me to reply to the review, as it was impossible for the author.

I am now able to state that I consider the review to be partial and not truly reflective of either the value or the originality of the book, since it and another study have jointly been awarded the Henry Toledano Literary Prize of the American Friends of the Alliance Israélite Universelle as being the best studies of the year of the relationships between so-called Oriental Jews and Ashkenazi Jews.

The Jerusalem Post's review by Professor Asher Arian of the Hebrew University, Allied almost a page, and I quote a few passages: "In the extended observations and analyses in this book, Deshen affords us an insight into the dynamics of the politics of his composition (of political parties for elections) never before available in literature."

"It is a charming story with some theoretical implications. Our understanding of the formation when more cases such as this one are documented and are then set in the framework of the political structure and culture."

His final conclusion is that the book "is a very useful contribution," and he draws attention to the prize which Deshen was awarded.

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No one should ever pass through Amsterdam without seeing the house, to recall the terrible events of the Second World War and, I would say, to gain inspiration from Anne's immortal and unflagging spirit.

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart. If I look up into the heavens I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty will end, and that peace and tranquillity will return again."

The building is open daily. Inside one walks behind a bookcase that conceals a staircase to the clandestine top-floor apartment and then into the now bare rooms where the family lived and on the walls can be seen the yellowed clippings which teenage Anne pasted there—photos of film stars, news items about the Hitler Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret.

The effect is searing, heart-breaking and finally infuriating beyond belief. This mood is fortunately improved by the inspiring work of the Anne Frank Foundation, which has made the house a meeting centre for the youth of all nations and set up the annex near by as a summer hostel for young people visiting Amsterdam.

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## PERSONAL OPINION

THERE THEY are smiling out at the world, hands clasped and looking like a musical act, the three in harmony—Assad, Sadat and Abednego, sorry, and Gaddafi.

"I say, I say, I say, a funny thing happened on the road to Damascus..."

The federation between Egypt, Libya and Syria, declared last week, is to have one radio, one emblem, one anthem and one flag, but I doubt whether it will have anything else. It could be one overlooks Syria—of considerable economic significance, for Libya has great wealth and a tiny population, while Egypt has a large population and little wealth. Integrated they could create a new and powerful entity, but such fusions take time and this federation is unlikely to last any longer than its predecessor. It is of no military importance, it will not affect the balance of power in the Middle East. It is a chimera.

To say that is not to dismiss it. For chimeras are important to the semitic imagination. Where the real is painful there is solace to be had in the unreal, and because of this I believe Israel is mistaken in refusing to tolerate a token Egyptian presence on its side of the Suez Canal.

I would be perfectly content to let the Egyptians fly their flag in Sinai. I would let them fly their flag from the top of the Shalom Tower in Tel Aviv (indeed, they could have the tower itself, provided they were prepared to move it back by a tick to Cairo). Why not allow them every pseudo-triumph they

want? They would not affect the basic military situation, and they could lead to an actual political détente. As a start they would improve relations between America and Israel.

A friend of mine, a considerable Talmudic scholar, has a solution to the problem of mamzerut.

The reason why the Jewishness of an individual is dependent on maternal descent, he said, is that we can no longer be sure about anyone's paternity. In other words the halacha itself assumes that we are all actual or potential mamzerim, and if the rabbinate were to make a formal declaration to this effect there would be no further barrier to the entry of mamzerim into the "holy community." If only because the community would cease to be—as in effect it has long ceased to be—holy.

All this, of course, assumes that the halacha is consistent with itself and that rabbis are consistent with each other. It isn't and they aren't, and that is at the source of the whole problem.

Short of impounding his library there is, I suppose, no way of stopping Rabbi Sperber from smuggling to Israel, but I wish he could be persuaded to stay for Anglo-Jewry hath need of him at this hour. (Though, come to think of it, so hath Israel.)

BEN AZRI

## ASK THE RABBI

Strikes have become an increasing plague in Israel and elsewhere. Do Biblical and Talmudic law offer a solution?

It should first be appreciated that for many of the problems in the economic sphere which we now face in an industrial society we cannot expect any direct guidance from the classical sources of Judaism. The principles formulated in these sources are valid for all time but obviously the problem of how they are to be applied in a complex social order such as ours requires fresh thought, and there are no easy solutions.

Nevertheless, there are powerful indications that Jewish teaching would uphold the right of workers to strike. Let us first examine one or two rabbinic sayings on the treatment of employees. The prohibitions against keeping back the wages of a worker (Leviticus 19, 13; Deuteronomy 24, 14-15) was explained by the rabbis: "Why does this workman ascend the highest scaffolding and risk his life if you do not pay him his wages as soon as they are due?" (Sifre, Deuteronomy 279).

Rab's famous ruling (qualified to be sure in the Talmudic discussion in certain respects) is very revealing: "A labourer may withdraw his labour even in the middle of the day" (Baba Metzia 10a and 79a). The reason given is that Scripture says (Leviticus 23, 55): "For unto Me the children of Israel are servants; they are My servants"—but not:

servants of servants. It was further assumed that unspecified contract between employer and employee was governed by the custom of the whole games, therefore, as a place in which it was manifestly its three million Jews is slightly ridiculous.

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Would include practically all international events and assemblies and many non-national events with the only direct reference to Russia in the rabbinic sources to be found in the Talmud.

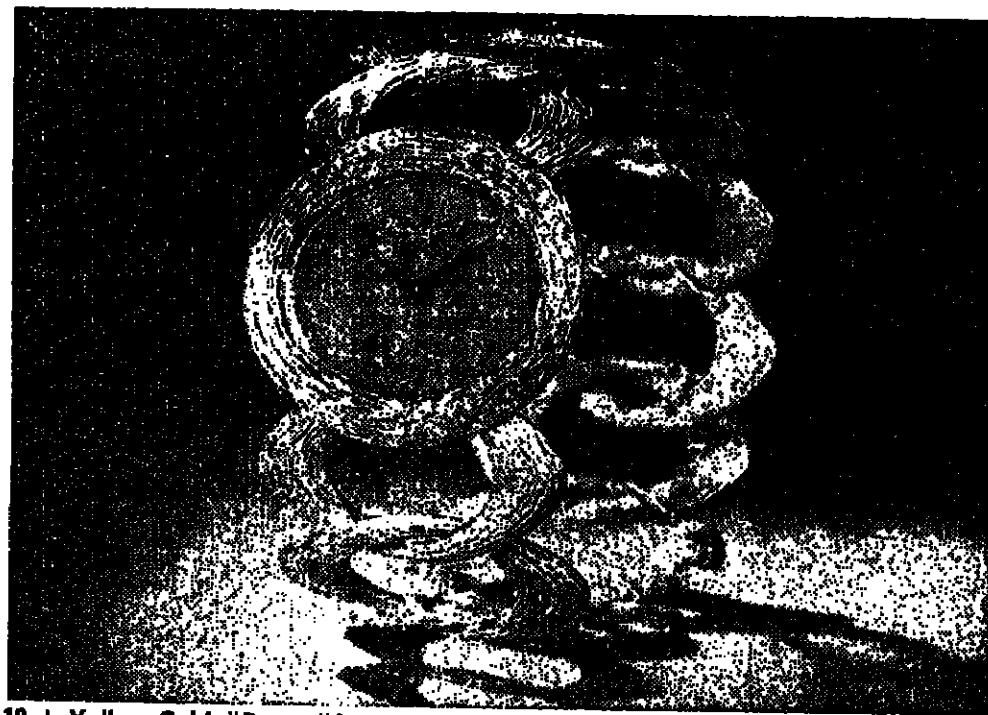
From all this it would appear that having regard to Jewish teaching, such as by Judaism's concern with justice and freedom, in the contractual and ineffective end, which obtain in the most other ideas, it is capable of society workers, have a right being carried to an extreme.

To strike. You correctly imply that there are problems to be faced and Judaism expects us to exercise our skill, ingenuity and sense of justice in trying to overcome them. But, to repeat, in our complex society it is not rabbis alone who should be consulted but also economic experts, who are thoroughly familiar with the complicated details by which economic life today is ordered.

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BY A. B. LEVY



Michael Fishberg

How did you meet?" is a question which today's generation puts to its parents or grandparents.

It is quite a lot of cases they in the East End of London. Preliminaries to marriage were much the same as they are. Impatient mamas were a little more anxious about their complacent and dilatory Daniels; and a duch came about more often than a shadchan than it does today.

This go-between might be professional, with photographs and umbrella, or Aunt Millie, an aunt with a mission. But being tight together and left alone in front room to fall in love in ten minutes was not particularly welcomed by the unmarried—unless there was some physical, mental, or economic something—or they were nearly it.

Most young folk preferred to make their own choice or leave it to chance. It could happen at a party or a wedding. Even in the street. The wide pavement on Whitechapel Road's north side thick with evening walkers. On Friday, when youth clubs were closed, the two streams, ward and westward, were down as the shidduch parade, in opportunities for glances could lead to the chuppa. stroll extended beyond Ald-Pump, past Leadenhall Street's shipping offices, and ended the Bank of England. But no matter where couples met: once they had clicked, tied, and decided to make it permanent there was one place for all of them made for. Black Lion Yard. For the engagement ring.

diamonds were sold. "Indo-Pak Sweet-meats" are the speciality of another.

One of the shops, Fishberg's, is completely demolished. For forty years Nathan Fishberg and then his son, Harry, ran it.

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Under Jacob's guidance, Nathan became a very skilful craftsman, able to manipulate gold in a great variety of ways. The time came however, when, like thousands of Jews, he chose to flee the country.

He arrived with his wife, Sophie, in London in the thirties, only twenty-five shillings in his pocket, and after a while got work in his trade.

Sophie proved to be an astute business partner, and the combination of her shrewdness and Nathan's practicality made for success.

Their first shop was in Cambridge Road, Mile End (now Cambridge Heath Road), near the Foresters' Music Hall.

The Fishbergs, in 1910, moved to the corner of Commercial Road and Turner Street. Later Nathan and Sophie moved their business in 1923 to Black Lion Yard, where it was taken over later by Harry (born in London) and his wife Kitty. Like his mother, Kitty has contributed greatly to the development of Fishberg's. There were ups and downs in Black Lion Yard.

Competition and rivalry were keen. Vendors at one time stood at the doors "shlepping-in" possible clients. But that method was dropped.

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Harry and Kitty like to recall one turning point in their fortunes, when a stranger appeared in the Yard one day and, after looking into the Fishberg window, entered the shop and offered some precious items for display there. He asked for no money, no receipt, and left. But he returned again and again with new pieces.

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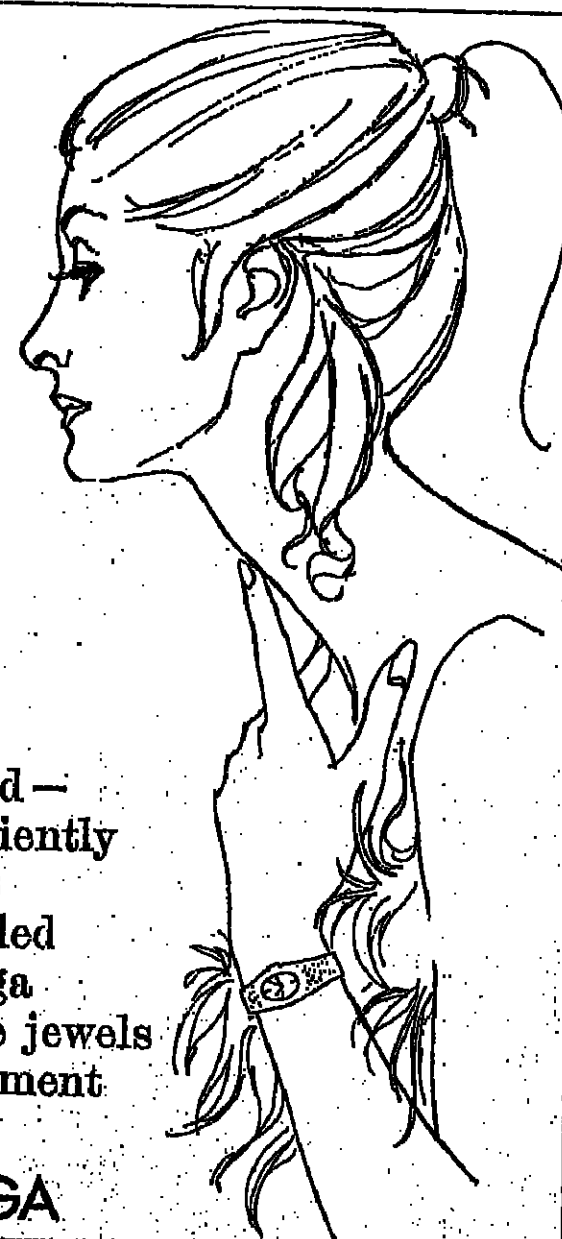
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Many an ex-East-End-er has heard the exclamation on hearing that Black Lion Yard is being sold. Three jewellery shops, once there were a dozen. The cows stayed until last war, and the Yiddish-in-laws gate ("Frisch Fa die Welt") was there until a few years ago. In one shop kosher meals are served where

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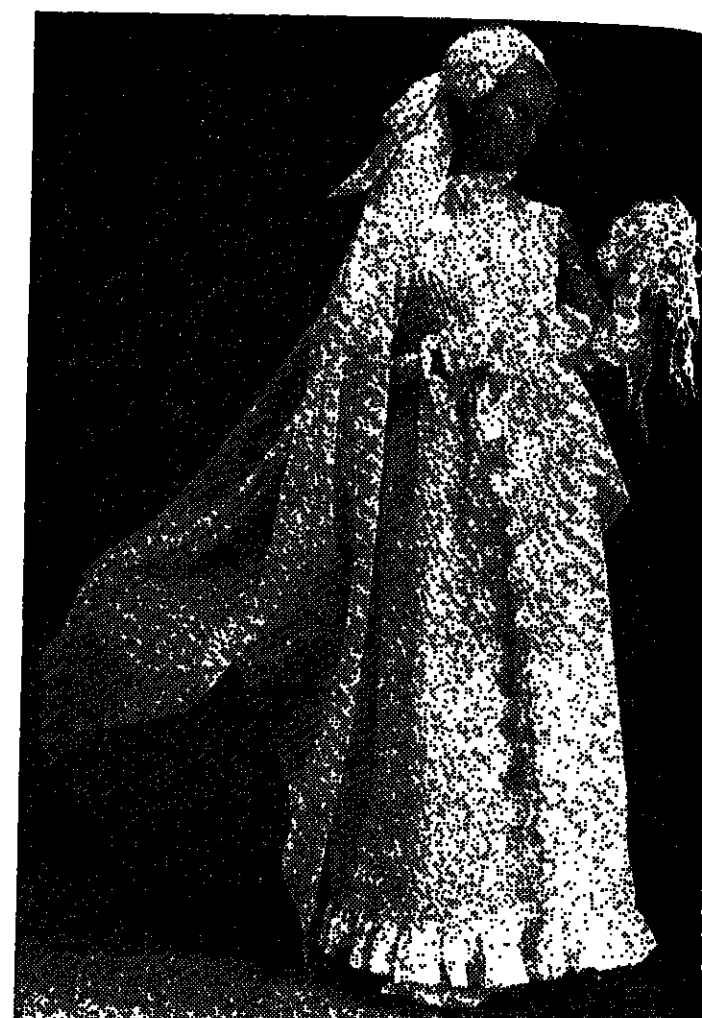
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## woman's pages

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I have just returned from a flying week-end visit to a family wedding in the USA. Here are some observations which might be of interest to those who would like to make their simchas different, and indeed in some ways better, from those we are accustomed to in this country.

### No top table

First, and to my mind most significant, departure from the norm: there were no speeches. Just a brief toast to the bride and groom from the best man. There was no top table (and therefore no broigas).

The families were not segregated, but seating plans placed people from both sides of the family at tables together.

There was no bridal car. The bride and her three bridesmaids arrived at the hotel in ordinary day clothes, some in jeans and sweaters, and all retired to a "dressing-room" to get ready for the performance.

### Hollywood

Performance it certainly was... practically like a Hollywood production. The flower arrangements were fantastic. The entire hall was massed with them... chrysanthemums and carnations in arrangements of yellow, white and green.

The bridesmaids' dresses were in prints to match the flowers.

### Filly men

Dress of the male members of the wedding were chocolate brown tuxedos with bright yellow frilly shirts, and inscribed with the name of the couple and the date—yarmulkas, to match, no top hats. (Ideas for Moss Bros?)

The bridal group came in separately and were photographed in school. Then the bride came in alone and was met by her father when she was half way down the aisle; and

they proceeded to the chupa together. The three bridesmaids, who entered before the bride, were already lined upon one side of the chupa with three ushers on the other side. While the bride

bridgroom's finger, and the appropriate words.

Before the couple left the guests to start their honeymoon the bride throw her bouquet to the single girls and the bridegroom the bride's garter (he wears them here?) to the bachelors.

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## SPORTS NEWS

## ATHLETICS

## Russian girl breaks discus record

By ALF WILKINS

Faina Melnik, a 26-year-old Russian Jewish schoolteacher who won the women's discus title in the Helsinki European championships with a world-record throw of 210 ft 8 ins, improved on her record when she won the discus in the "mini-Olympics" meeting in Munich at the weekend.

She threw the discus an amazing 212 ft 10 ins to confirm her placing as the best female discus thrower of all time. Miss Melnik came second in the shot put with a throw of 57 ft 10 ins.

Poland's Olympic champion, Irena Szewinska, was also in fine form in Munich. She won the 200 metres in 22.8 secs and came third in the 100 metres in 11.5 secs.

The three "star" Israeli girls also competed with distinction. Nineteen-year-old Esther Schachmarov came third in the 100 metres

hurdles in a very fast 13.5 secs (an Olympic qualifying time) and clocked 11.8 secs for sixth place in the 100-metres final.

Asian champion Hanna Shezif was unplaced in the 1,500 metres but covered the distance in an excellent 4 mins 26.1 secs. She came second in her 800-metres heat in 2 mins 7.2 secs and ran a courageous race in the final.

From the "gun" she led a world-class field through a first lap of 82.8 secs and although passed by her competitors on the second lap hung on well to record 2 mins 7.9 secs to finish eighth.

Aviva Balas, who has made a successful conversion to middle-distance running from sprinting this season, failed to get through her heats of both the 400 metres and the 800 metres but clocked the very good times of 55.5 secs and 2 mins 8.2 secs respectively.

Shaul Ladany, Israel's Olympic long-distance walker, won the London to Brighton race at the weekend, recording a time of 7 hours 57 mins 17 secs, a huge margin of 37½ minutes. His winning time was 21 minutes slower than last year's due to the fact "that I had no opposition to push me."

He covered the first 50 kilometres in 4 hours 27 mins 40 secs—just over five minutes slower than the time he will need to qualify for Israel in next year's Olympic Games. He will be competing in an international race in Munich this weekend and hopes to attain the strict qualifying time of 4 hours 20 mins.



A treasury of trophies and medals won during Richard Leslie's short career as a tennis player

## No obstacles for Richard Leslie

By DAVID LUDDY

Richard Leslie, 17, the Middlesex junior tennis champion, won another national title, the mixed doubles, with Cherry Pantan at the Green Shield junior Wimbledon championships last week.

Seeded No. 1, Leslie and Miss Pantan, the Middlesex girls' champion, beat Millfield School players Robin Frost and Belinda Allen, T. Ayling and S. Archer (Derbyshire), and D. Archer and Miss Cherry (Northants), all 6-1, 6-1.

They subsequently defeated Worcestershire's Philip Siver and Lindsay Blackford (Essex) 6-4, 6-4, before taking the title with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 win over Jonathan Smith (Devon) and Valeria Lelper (Essex).

In the singles Leslie, seeded No. 5, dropped only eight games in four matches to reach the quarter-finals before losing for the

second time in five days 3-6, 4-6 to the power of Lancashire's Mark Farroll.

In the boys' doubles, Leslie, seeded No. 2 with county colleague Richard Lewis, had three easy victories but lost 6-8, 9-11 in the semi-final to No. 3 seeds Colin Dowdwell (Rhodesia) and Michael Wayman (Surrey), after leading 5-3 in the first set and 4-2 in the second.

Julie Heldman, of the United States, seeded No. 8 at the USA open championships at Forest Hills, beat Britain's Nell Truman 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, and Miss Gengler 6-3, 6-4, but lost 5-7, 4-6, in the last 16 to another British Wightman Cup player, Joyce Williams.

Miss Heldman had two set points in the first set at 6-4 and led 4-2 in the second before losing to the accuracy of her Scottish opponent.

## CRICKET

## South Africa v 'South Africa'

From JACK LEON—Tel Aviv

Eight settlers from South Africa, along with three from Israel, make up Israel's cricket team for the first "Test" against South African Maccabi at Carmel this weekend.

The side will be captained by star batsman Barney Greenberg, 40, a recent immigrant from Johannesburg. There he played premier league cricket for many years with Balfour Park, the well-known Jewish sports club, and he also turned out occasionally for Transvaal A. He now lives outside Haifa and plays for Beit Ha'Emek, the British Habonim kibbutz, near Nahariya.

When Israel toured England last summer, Greenberg shared the batting honours with ex-South African Hugh Kowarsky—who he now replaces as captain of the national team—scoring 275 runs at an average of nearly 40. (Kowarsky remains in the Israeli XI for the "Test".)

Vice-captain is Noah Davidson, 38, a recent arrival from India. All-rounder Davidson, who played top-class cricket in his native Bombay, also did well in England last year.

Israel's team for the first "Test" includes three players who did not tour England—batsmen Harold Jankelowitz and opening bowler Naphtali Kamrajkar, both new caps, and Jeremy Katz, another medium-fast bowler, who returns to the national side after being unavailable last year.

The high-calibre South African team, which arrived here on Monday for a one-month visit as guests of the Israel Cricket Association, was scheduled to begin its eight-match programme on Wednesday with a game against another Israel at Beit Ha'Emek.

## Mazzeltoi, OC!

Old Carmel marked their bar-mitzvah year with their most successful season yet. Apart from losing their first three games, they won seven and drew three.

Loading batsmen, were P. Smulovitch (who scored more than 200) and M. Sechmulewitsch (179 in five innings). S. Foreman and D. Bernstein both passed the 150 mark.

Myeroff and Krieger each took over 25 wickets and the side was ably captained by Danny Bernstein.

The second successive week Mowbray lost its match, this time to South Russia Playing at Vale Farm, Wembley, Mowbray scored 119 (Jacobs 34, Beckman 33) and their opponents replied with 120 for 2.

After 13 wins Vale CC lost to The Pretenders at Edgware on Sunday. Pretenders made 182 all out (Hooker 7 for 70) and Vale answered with 101 (Waldman 33, Newton 23).

## FOOTBALL

## Great debut for Green

By our Football Correspondent

Laurie Green, Gladstone's new recruit from Claybury, made a remarkable debut for his club in their opening Maccabi South League match on Sunday.

Gladstone beat Inter-Hill 7-3. Green scored all seven goals. Cardiff, promoted to Division II in the close season, began on a winning note, beating visiting Koshba 3-2. Elliot Fine scored the Welsh club's goals, two of the penalties. Johnny Simons and Dove netted for BK.

A runaway second division for Kenton II: they slammed weak Claybury side 12-1, Tony getting four goals and Adam and Johnny Lemer three each.

Last year's third division champions, Regent North End, got to a good start, trouncing United 9-1 in Division II. Scorers were Mark Benstock and Mark Isaacs (3). Mike and Stephen Astaire weighed in with one apiece.

In Division III, Monit beat Ivri 7-1. Dave Kapusla, Rene Cohen and Trevor each scored twice.

Two goals by Johnny earned Wingate a 2-0 win at Northern Polytechnic at Hallow last week-end. The victory brought them through to the next round of the London Senior Cup.

Meanwhile, Wingate Reserves found Chesham United far stronger for them on their ground. They lost their Middlesex Border League clash 6-0.

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**SAMUEL**—Beloved (Dublin), who passed away September 18, 1968. Loving memories from her family.

**SCHULTZ**—In memory of my dear and wonderful mother, **Emmel** (Bon) Christman, who passed away September 12, 1968. I never to be forgotten by his loving mother and daughter. I hope he was one: to us he was the world.

**SELLERS**—David, Precious memories of a wonderful father and grandfather who passed away September 12, 1968. He will always be in our thoughts.—Wile, Lily, sons.

**SHARPE.**—Treasured and dearest memories of our beloved husband and father, Sam, who passed away September 24, 1988. Dad, I miss you. I miss the days when Betty, children, Sandra and Alan.

**SHERLING.**—Today and every day we remember our darling son, Jack, who left this earth on September 24, 1982, aged 17 years. The years pass on with heartache and pain. I miss you, Jack, every day again. Deep in our hearts he lives and I desire to see you again. I miss you, Dad and brother, forever. —Mum, Dad and Doreen.

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## MEMORIAL STONES

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**AUSBERGER.**—The memorial stone in memory of Mr. Macdunn (Yatta) Ausberger will be placed in the English Cemetery on Sunday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. Coaches leave 67 Lerdorph Park

**BERNSTEIN**—The memorial tombstone in memory of Al, beloved husband and dad, will be consecrated at Dolphin's 12, at 12 room, on September 12, at 12 room.

**CRABH**—The memorial stone in loving memory of our darling son and brother, Jack Crabh, will be consecrated at Home of Peace, Whitney Boulevard at Home of Peace, California, 12 a.m. on September 12, at 12 a.m.

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**LEVENE**—The memorial stone in everloving memory of Harry Levene, dear father of Stella Gordon, will be consecrated at Haring, will be consecrated at Ryeview Cemetery on Sunday, September 12 at 12 a.m.

**ROSENBERG**—The memorial stone in cherished memory of the late Rev. Gold-

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
The memorial service will be celebrated at the Edmonson Memorial Church, 1000 E. 10th St., on Sunday, September 12, at 4 p.m.

**WANG**—The memorial stone in loving memory of Wang will be celebrated at 2:46 p.m. June 15, 1971, at the Shenan Road, Hove, on September 12. Returning to 77 Lyndhurst Road, Hove.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
**PHILLIPS**—The memorial, stone in loving memory of Mrs. Phillips, mother of Mrs. Josephine, will be celebrated at Bushby Cemetery, on Wednesday, September 15, at 2 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**  
**DECKARD**—The memorial stone in loving memory of Mrs. Deckard, Harry Deckard will be celebrated at Bushby Cemetery, on Thursday, September 16, 1971, at 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
**LAGNER**—The memorial stone in loving memory of Eddy Lagner will be celebrated at Bushby Cemetery, on Sunday, September 19, 1971, at 2 p.m.

Harlequin Road, on Sunday, September 15 at 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

The memorial service in loving memory of **Bea Jean Lewis (née Fry)** will be conducted at **Road Road, Southend, Cemetery**, at 12 noon on Sunday, September 15, returning to 21 The Ridgeway, Westpiff on Gas.

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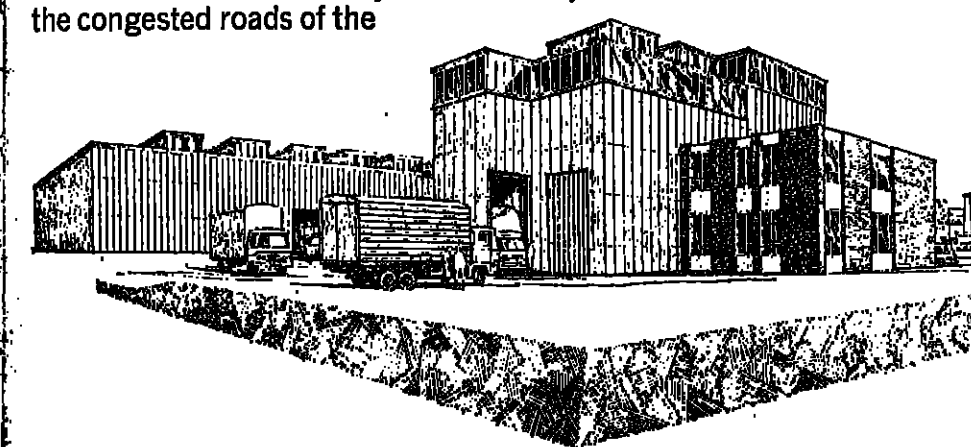
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF JEWISH LITURGY. Edited by Jakob J. Petuchowski. Ktav, New York.

The word "scientific" in the title refers to the fact that the practitioners of *Juedische Wissenschaft* represented the volume tried, in Huxley's famous words, "to sit down before the facts like a little child," rather than be content with previous theories—however widely accepted—if these did not accord with the evidence.

From Zuzim onwards, a major field for the exercise of this method of study has been the Jewish liturgy. New questions were asked, e.g., how did the liturgy develop? How does one account for the existence of a variety of rites? When was the institution of regular Torah readings introduced in the synagogue? What was the original content of the Torah readings?

It follows from the use of critical examination that the conclusions of the pioneers of the process must also be rejected if either new evidence is forthcoming or a more accurate assessment of the sources demands revision.

Professor Petuchowski has gathered together four types of liturgical studies by outstanding scholars of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He points out in his brief but comprehensive introduction where more recent scholarship sees some matters differently.

Part I contains three important essays—by Elbogen, Kohler and Flukestein—on the development of the liturgy, specially of the Amidah.

In Part II there are the two astonishingly brilliant studies by Buechler of the Triennial Cycle. The weight of Buechler's learning is so considerable that many scholars take it for granted that there was, in fact, a triennial cycle of Torah readings with fixed form

in Palestine (but not in Babylon) in the Talmudic period. But, as the editor notes, Joseph Heinemann, one of the foremost present-day authorities, has seriously challenged the whole of Buechler's argument.

There are two essays in Part III, one by a Christian scholar, Frank Gavin, the other by a Jewish scholar, Eric Werner, on the comparison of church and synagogue liturgies. Finally, Part IV brings together four medieval liturgical texts edited with notes by, respectively, Solomon Schechter, Jacob Munn, Arthur Marmorstein and David Kaufmann.

Students of the Jewish liturgy will use this volume as an indispensable text-book. They will find essential references in the introduction to essays describing the contemporary shape of liturgical scholarship. (It is a pity that there are no references to the work of Dr N. Wieder.)

But the essays printed here are, for the most part, in clear, not too technical English and can certainly serve to introduce the intelligent layman to the niceties of scholarship and the vitality of Jewish religious life as reflected in the Jewish liturgy.

Of special interest to readers in this country is Kaufmann's "Prayer Book According to the Ritual of England before 1290" (based on the Etz Hayim, which has now been edited by Rabbi Brodie). We learn that the Jews in pre-Expulsion England had a reputation as liturgical innovators for which they were rebuked by the German teachers.

The volume is dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Harold F. Reinhart, "A man of prayer."



